

San Fereolo Dogliani & Jousset Éxilé Rosé Pet-Nat

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I get the question all the time what my favorite wine is. All wine people do. It's a question we struggle with because part of the value (the good) of a wine stems from how it complements a moment, whether it be a meal or a toast or a movie on the couch. The moments of our lives are varied and so are the wines that accompany them best.

We might roll our eyes and nod at these wine tropes, but just as music can uplift, set a mood, complement a dining experience, or take you to a place, wine too alters our experiences in more ways than the obvious. So, is a specific wine 'good'? Well...

Wine can be cheerful and straight-forward and pretty. Wine can be serious, powerful, and engaging... Characteristics we might not think to use when describing wines, but it's these words — these words — that often are the keys to finding the right wine to pair with a situation. Both of the wines we've packed this month are 'good', we'd posit 'very good'. Unlock their potential by pairing them with the right setting!

San Fereolo - Under the ownership of Nicoletta Bocca since 1989, San Fereolo has stood as a hallmark producer of deep, earth-riden, Langhe wine.

Lise & Bertrand Jousset - Situated in the Montlouis-sur-Loire, Lise and Bertrand produce natural wine. Rather than lean into funk, they aim for purity of fruit.



Nicoletta Bocca, of San Fereolo



Dogliani DOCG in Langhe, Piedmont



Bertrand Jousset



Lise Jousset



San Fereolo Dogliani Dolcetto 2017

Grape: 100% Dolcetto **Region:** (Dogliani) Piedmont, Italy
organic · hand-harvest · destemmed · spontaneous fermentation · unfiltered · aged in steel 12 months

This wine is from the 'Valdiba' subsection of Dogliani, an appellation devoted to the production of Dolcetto. For perspective, in order of smallest to largest — think of it as concentric circles — Dogliani < Langhe < Piedmont < Italy. This is a benchmark example of the brooding, serious nature of Dogliani. Look for dense, inky blue-black fruits, red licorice, and damp earth. This is a wine for when you need something substantial, something to stand up to a hearty meal, something to chew. Real wine!

Jousset Éxilé Rosé Pet-Nat 2019

Grape: 100% Gamay **Region:** Loire Valley, France
organic · biodynamic · hand-harvest · no fining/filtration · disgorged · no sulfur added

This is one of those, "I'm just gonna sit here and finish this, I guess..." kind of roses. It's so easy. It's delightful. It's as real as the Dogliani we paired this month but bobbing to a different rhythm. Particular 'known' styles of wine can go through phases where producers looking to capitalize on hype create caricatures of a wine archetype. Easy-drinking sparkling rose has undoubtedly gone through one of these phases. Don't let the crap fool you. Sparkling rose — easy drinking sparkling rose — can be 'good'. Look for strawberry-mango fruit to fill out a lush, soft palate held together with a beautiful leesy-creamy texture. Sparkling Rose is a 'thing' for a reason.