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## **WINE OF THE WEEK**

Wine writer Peg Melnik had a blind tasting this week of rosés, crisp and dry. There were several standouts, but this week's winner is the Cline, 2008 Contra Costa County Mourvedre.

## **TOP PICK**

Cline

2008 Contra Costa County Mourvedre Rosé (\$15) \*\*\*\*

A refreshing rosé, nice and dry. Lots of spice up front with layered flavors — cherry, raspberry and herbs. Balanced. Good value.

## **OTHERS WORTH NOTING**

SoloRosa, 2008 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Rosé, \$18. \*\*\*\*

A lovely rosé with aromas and flavors of strawberry, mineral and spice. High-toned citrus notes. Great acidity.

Copain, 2008 Tous Ensemble, Anderson Valley, \$15. \*\*\*\*

A spicy rosé with layered flavors. Notes of strawberry, watermelon and smoke. Long, spicy finish.

Le Clos du Caillou, 2008 Cotes du Rhone, \$19.95. \*\*\*\*

A smoky, spicy, crisp rosé with an oily texture. Notes of watermelon, herbs and spice. Good acidity. Balanced.

Etude, 2008 Carneros Rosé of Pinot Noir, \$20. \*\*\*\*

A floral rosé with complex flavors. Notes of raspberry, watermelon, vanilla, herbs and spice. Long finish.

Bonny Doon Vineyard, 2008 Vin Gris de Cigare, \$15. \*\*\*1/2

A dry rosé with a hint of cranberry. Aromas and flavors of strawberry, vanilla, spice and light herbs. Long zesty finish.