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# In the spotlight: Hogwash Rose Rancho Zabaco Zinfandel

## Hogwash Rosé California 2013, \$16/hog

As presumptuous and precious as wine tends to get, I could gladly put a bottle of Hogwash in my shopping basket. Tuck Beckstoffer, who has spent his life in Napa vineyards, created this Rosé of Grenache in a Provence style when he was asked to make a wine for a pig roast at an Atlanta wine auction. It was such a hit that he continued to make it. It's a dry, well-styled sipper made off two classic Rhone vineyards in Mendocino County and the Central Coast. The newly released 2013 vintage is eye-of-the-partridge color with crisp fruit redolent of ripe cherry, strawberry and melon. On the palate, it's lime curd, orange rind and pear, and laced tight with acidity for structure. Ever so worthy to pour with delicate entrée salads, pasta with olive oil or cream sauce, roasted chicken, and yes — bacon.

