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Wine Reviews: Weekly Mini Round-Up For August 17, 2020

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I taste a bunch-o-wine (technical term for *more than most people*). So each week, I share some of my wine reviews (mostly from samples) and tasting notes in a “mini-review” format.

They are meant to be quirky, fun, and (mostly) easily-digestible reviews of (mostly) currently available wines ([click here for the skinny on how to read them](#)), and are presented links to help you find them, so that you can try them out for yourself. Cheers!

- **2015 Quinta do Quetzal Reserva Branco (Alentejo)**: Creaminess and Zesy energy coming together like the two halves of The Power Sword. \$30 A-
- **2015 Quinta do Quetzal Reserva Tinto (Alentejo)**: Silkiness, depth, and grit, all sultrily hand-in-hand. \$NA B+
- **2016 Quinta do Quetzal 'Guadalupe' Tinto (Regional Alentejo)**: Smokin' all that it has got, in crowd-pleasing textural layers. \$NA B+
- **2013 Quinta do Quetzal 'Quetzal Familia' Grande Reserva Tinto (Alentejo)**: Big, bold, balsamic, and barely in its teenage years yet. \$NA A-
- **2017 Passopisciaro Passorosso Terre Siciliane (Sicily)**: Floral, chewy, and absolutely excellent. \$42 A-
- **2017 Passopisciaro 'Passobianco' Terre Siciliane (Sicily)**: Minerals, sea breezes, freshly baked citrus, and a little tiny slice of Mediterranean heaven. \$31 A-
- **2016 Tenute Cisa Asinari Marchesi di Gresy Monte Aribaldo Dolcetto d'Alba (Piedmont)**: Classically tangy, if carrying a bit of extra weight around the midsection. \$24 B+
- **2018 Domaine de Cala Prestige Rose (Coteaux Varois en Provence)**: You could easily – and happily – get lost in this one's flower garden. \$30 B+
- **2019 Stinson Vineyards Rose of Mourvedre (Virginia)**: Wild and wily, with juuuuuust enough of its nature tamed. \$20 B
- **2017 The Pairing Syrah (Santa Ynez Valley)**: Sausages. The pairing is grilled sausages! \$27 B+