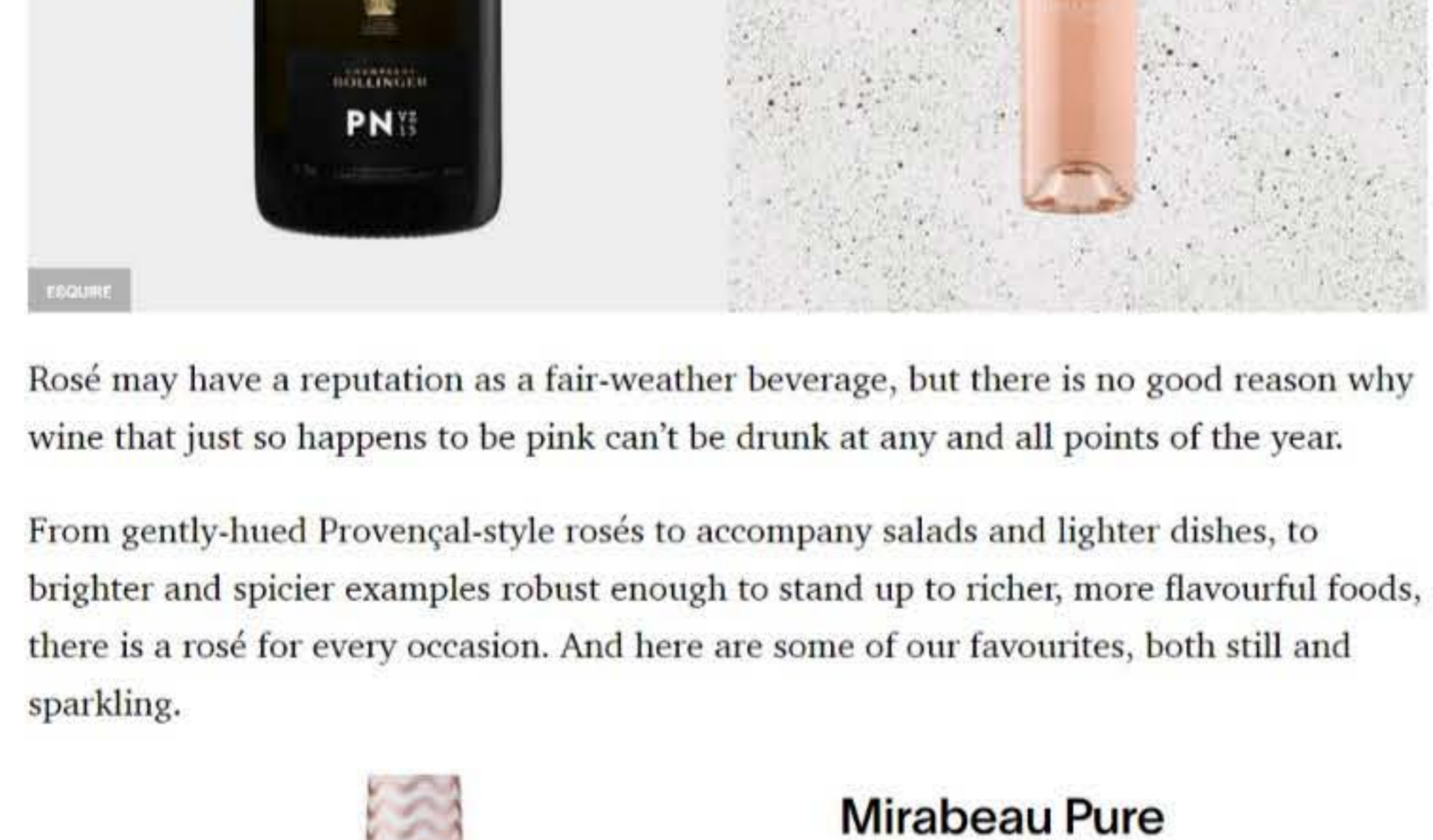


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10 of the Best Rosés of 2020, to Keep Summer Going

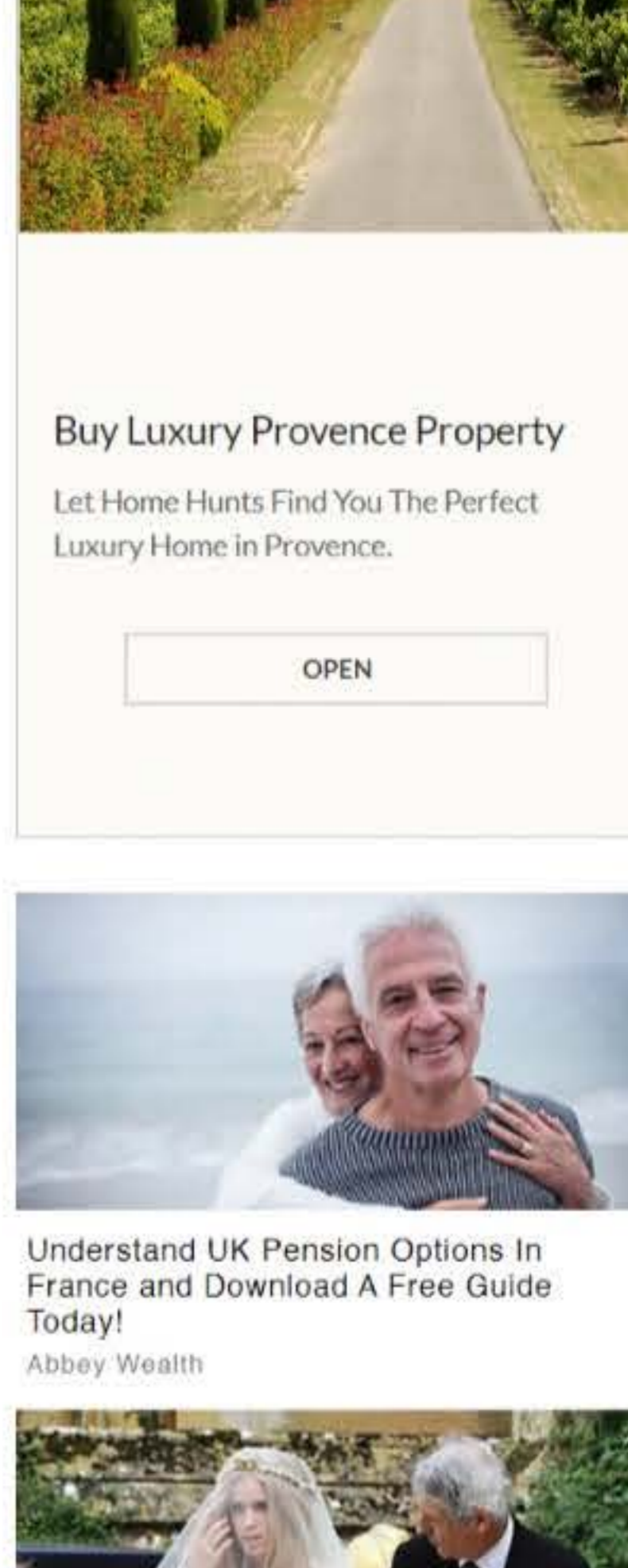
Pretend it's still sunny with these all-year-round rosés

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Rosé may have a reputation as a fair-weather beverage, but there is no good reason why wine that just so happens to be pink can't be drunk at any and all points of the year.

From gently-hued Provençal-style rosés to accompany salads and lighter dishes, to brighter and spicier examples robust enough to stand up to richer, more flavourful foods, there is a rosé for every occasion. And here are some of our favourites, both still and sparkling.



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MIRABEAU PURE

Mirabeau Pure

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The freshest of the fresh (or pure, we should say), you're safe with any one of the Mirabeau range but this edition is crisp, clean, elegant and just perfect to start an evening with. Bone dry, you get fiendishly delicate flavours and acidity that, whilst certainly there, is balanced to perfection so that you barely notice it. Enjoy on its own, with salty crisps or a piquant salad.

£14.99 / 75cl; 13% ABV



DOMAINES OTT ÉTOILE

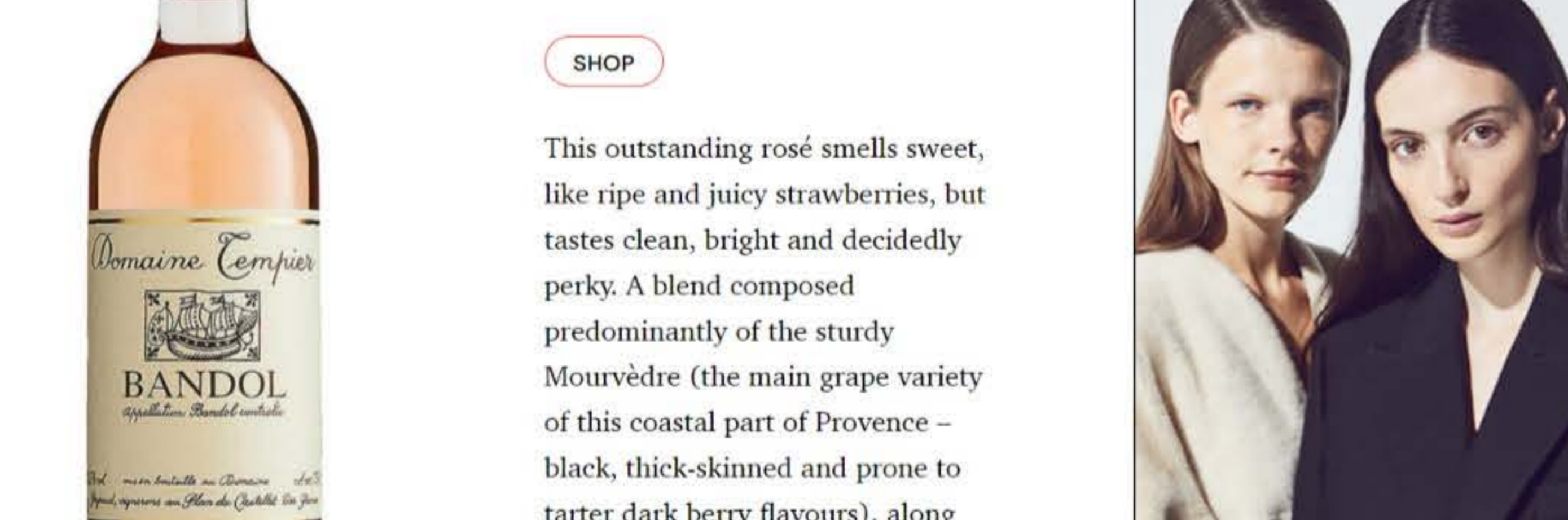
Domains Ott Étoile, 2019

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You're not just paying for the sleek bottle with this one. Made from another esteemed rosé brand that always comes through on quality, this is the jewel in their crown, made from grapes harvested from three sites across the Côtes de Provence and Bandol regions. Consequently, you get a more complex flavour profile whilst retaining all the delicacy one would hope for. Its depth makes it a goer for food pairings – it can hack creaminess, spiciness and richness as well as lighter dishes. We suggest trying it with white fish in a beurre blanc or even with some chorizo.

£132 / 75cl; 14% ABV

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DOMAINE TEMPIER BANDOL

Domaine Tempier Bandol, 2019

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This outstanding rosé smells sweet, like ripe and juicy strawberries, but tastes clean, bright and decidedly perky. A blend composed predominantly of the sturdy Mourvèdre (the main grape variety of this coastal part of Provence – black, thick-skinned and prone to tarter dark berry flavours), along with the more supple Grenache and Cinsault, the flavour, though delicate, is anything but simple. Pure class.

£27.95 / 75cl; 13% ABV



GABRIELSKLOOF ROSEBUD, 2019

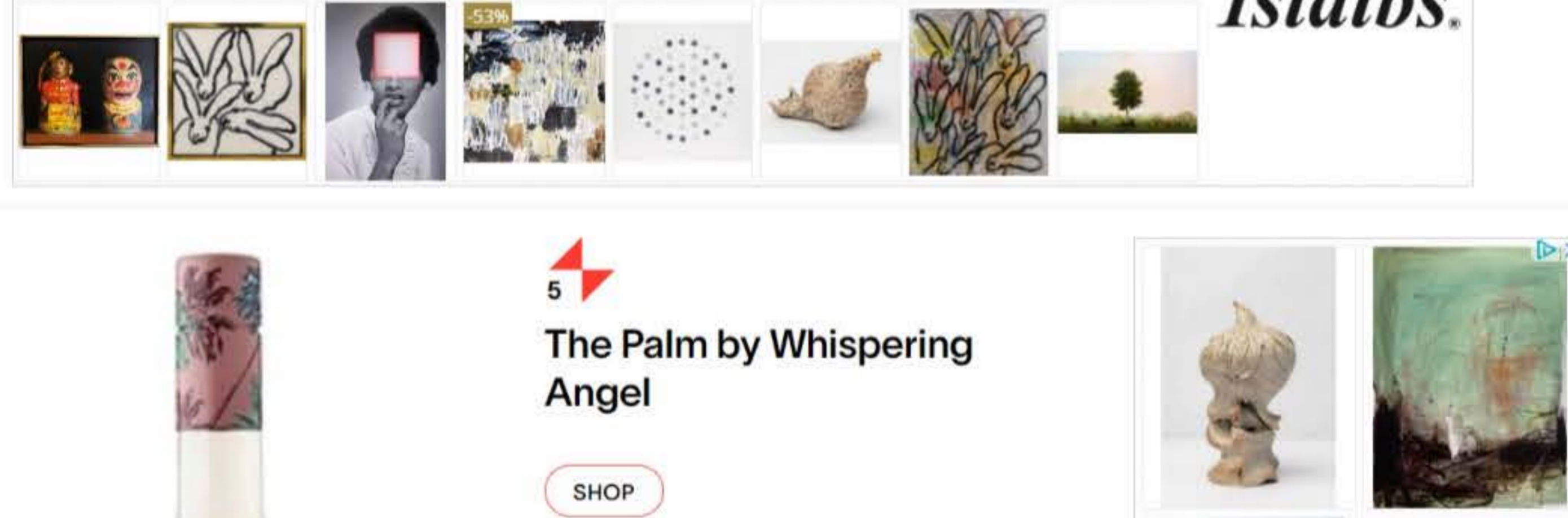
Gabrielskloof Rosebud, 2019

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Winemaker Peter-Allan Finlayson has both pedigree and form, coming from a family of winemakers and continually championing the fruitful soils where he tends vines for both the Crystallum and Gabrielskloof wine labels, all a few hours south of Cape Town and on or near the coast. The Rosebud rosé is always a treat, and the 2019 blend has 58% of peppery Syrah matched by 42% of the more fragrant Viognier. Expect strawberry, melon and rose aromas and a satisfying mouth-coating from the gentle tannins. Finlayson uses wild fermentation, meaning that the yeast used to convert the grapes' natural sugars into alcohol are native to the environment that the fruit itself is grown in, rather than cultured artificially. Excellent value for money.

£11.70 / 75cl; 12.5% ABV

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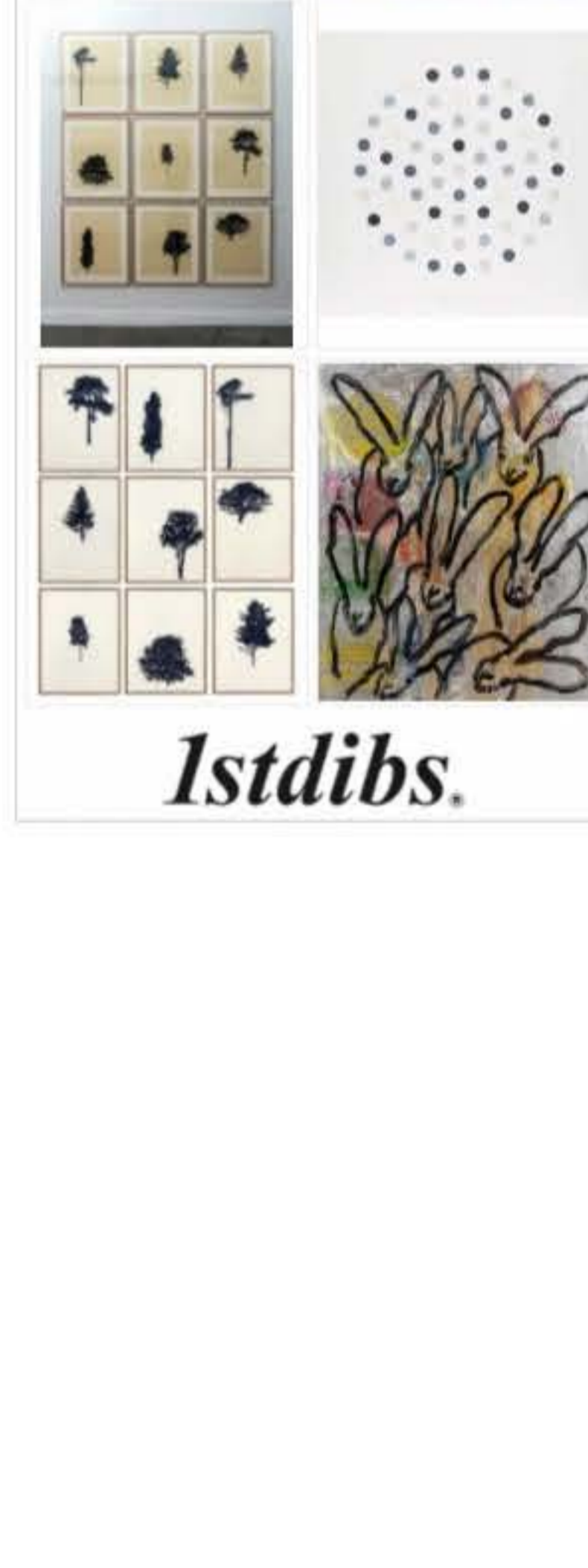
THE PALM BY WHISPERING ANGEL

The Palm by Whispering Angel

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I mean, have you even been on a rooftop bar if you haven't also supped on Whispering Angel at the same time? Yes, this is the trendiest of rosé brands, but there is substance behind the formidable style and The Palm is the newest (and most wallet-friendly) member of the clan, all made by Sacha Lichine of Château d'Esclans. Pure Provence, made for the style-conscious, you get gentle fruit flavours (raspberry and peach, in particular) with a hint of watermelon and a good dose of minerality to even it all out.

£14.99 / 75cl; 12.5% ABV



BERRY BROS & RUDD SPARKLING ROSÉ BY HAMBLEDON

Berry Bros & Rudd Sparkling Rosé by Hambledon, NV

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Not only known as the birthplace of cricket (yes, indeed) Hambledon is also home of some outstanding sparkling wines. This sparkling rosé, made exclusively for Great Britain's oldest wine merchants, Berry Bros & Rudd is, true to the Hampshire-based winery's signature style, incredibly crisp, with tart red fruit flavours and the notable tang of citrus.

£27.95 / 75cl; 12% ABV



GENSAC LE ROSÉ

Gensac Le Rosé, 2018

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Made by a château dating back to the 13th century, not far from the Bordeaux region of France, this rosé is a lesson in refinement. Completely dry with measured acidity, it tastes of raspberries with a hint of dried fruit (apricots, in particular) and fresh lemon on the finish. Beautiful as an aperitif, but equally stands up well to both salt and spice if you want to make an evening with it.

£12.95 / 75cl; 12.5% ABV

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BOLLINGER PN VZ15

Bollinger PN VZ15

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The first addition to Bollinger's permanent line in 12 years, this is a sparkling rosé wine made solely from Pinot Noir grapes (one of the three varieties typically combined to make Champagnes – the others are Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier) mainly from the village of Verzenay and harvested in 2015 – hence the name. Every year will see a new release focussing on another village where Bollinger has vineyards but, for now, you can enjoy the brand's signature biscuit and brioche notes in this example, with outstanding minerality and dried apple flavours.

£80 / 75cl; 12% ABV



CAMPO VIEJO ROSE

Campo Viejo Rosé, 2019

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You probably know Campo Viejo for its Riojas but the rosé is well worth a go, too. Made with Provence in mind and from 100% Grenache grapes, it's got markedly Spanish flair, with a vibrant colour and lively flavours that range from sweeter peach and nectarine notes to biting pink grapefruit and a dose of spice (white pepper). Goes nicely with soft cheeses like Brie, which take the edge off and bring out the fruitier elements.

£8 / 75cl; 13.5% ABV



CHAMPAGNE FLEUR DE MIRAVAIL

Champagne Fleur de Miraval, NV

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Let's face it, the wild proliferation of celebrity wine brands only serves to make most of us more cynical (and often with just cause). But it's worth remembering that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's wines, from Château Miravel in Provence, are actually rather good. The former Hollywood couple have co-owned the winery since 2012, and have teamed up with Champagne Pierre Péters to produce this fizz (still made using the TKTK method, as with the still Provençal Miravel wines). With only 20,000 bottles available of this first edition of a top-secret five-year project, you'll have to be quick (and feeling somewhat flush) to get your hands on one.

£340 / 75cl