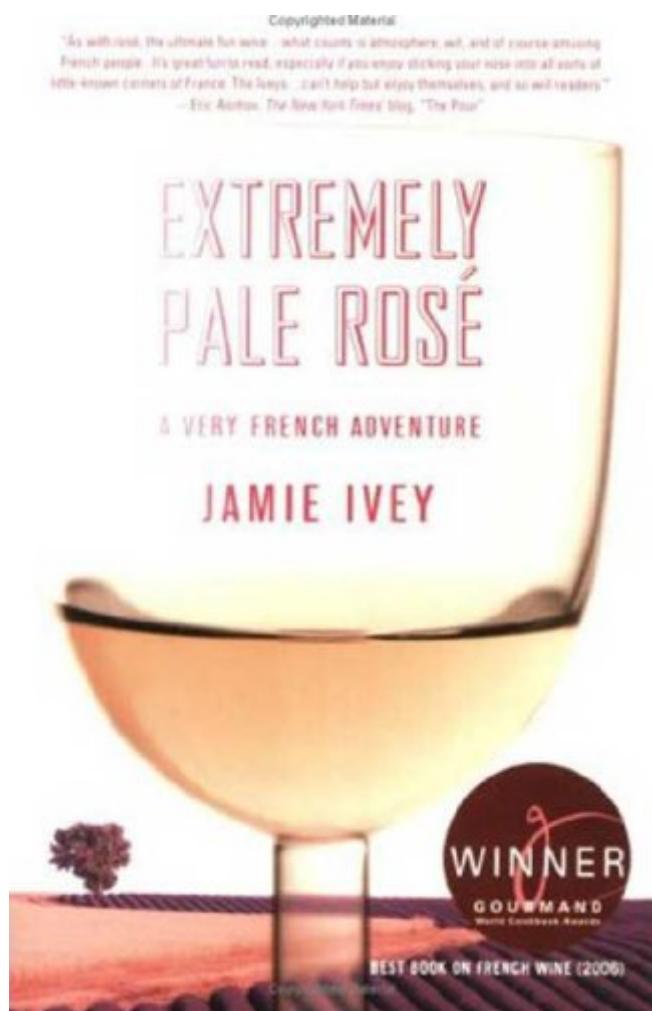


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Extremely Pale Rosé: A Very French Adventure



Synopsis

On a sunny day in the South of France, over a typically languorous French lunch, Jamie Ivey, his wife, Tanya, and their friend, Peter, discover the distinct pleasures of drinking a bottle of cool, pale rosé in the Mediterranean sun. Far from the plonk he's used to in England, Jamie is entranced by a blushing wine that is seen as no more than an aperitif by the French, but one that is rising in popularity all over the world. Owing to a translation mishap, Jamie finds himself challenged to the task of finding the palest bottle of rosé in France. Rising to the occasion, Jamie sets off with Tanya and Peter in tow through the vineyards of France to find the elusive bottle. They visit the main rosé producing areas, trawl through every tiny bar and sample the local bistros. Peter noses out the local specialties, as well as the best purveyors for threateningly odoriferous cheeses. "Extremely Pale Rosé" is food and travel writing in the best tradition as Jamie and his fellow travelers eat, sip, and taste with the colorful vintners, chefs, bakers and townspeople who live in and among the vineyards. Readers will be delighted. It's the perfect book to read on a summer day while sipping a glass of icy Bandol, nibbling on a bit of baguette and dreaming of the south of France.

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Customer Reviews

The Ivey's before midlife crisis adventure, giving up their jobs to pursue a rather fanciful bet of finding the palest of French Rose', was intriguing and worth exploring. My wife and I can't get enough of French food, wine and culture-and we love Rose'. While we have made many trips within the Hexagon, most have been limited to 4-5 weeks at a clip after retirement and a few weeks at a time before. The young couple and their middle aged friend come across as people you would enjoy traveling with. Their six month odyssey does seem a bit odd, zig-zagging through most of the wine growing regions, including some of the more obscure ones such as the Jura and Corsica driven more by tips from growers and merchants than detached research..We've traveled those roads, and they are quite beautiful. Ivey does describe many of the vigneron and other characters they meet along the way and that is perhaps the most satisfying component of the book.. There seems to be three inner voices: one describing the events of their quest, a second describing the landscapes and a third, the inner turmoil about leaving their more conventional life behind. The ending is a bit fanciful. But subsequently learning that they did decide to stay in France and go into the wine selling business takes a combination of courage and kismet which leads to another book or two-ones we will probably read.

This book is a dream come true for a francophile and oenophile. The author is extremely witty. His descriptions of the characters he meets are hilarious. We are treated to a summer holiday story that starts as a lark. Jamie, his wife and his friend, Peter are scouring French vineyards for the palest rose in France. We learn an astounding amount about French terroir and wine-making in France. We learn about French mores & we see Jamie and Tanya falling in love with Provence. It is a charming travel tale that has a great deal of suspense as we wonder if they will meet the deadline & find the palest rose before harvest. The second story is that Jamie and Tanya are disenchanted with their life in London & yearn to find a way to make a living in Provence. One does not want the book to end and knowing that there are 3 more sequels is a great consolation. I loved these people and their story!

A fun combination of travel memoir and wine guide, with quirky main characters and a beautiful backdrop of France. Lovely summer vacation read for anyone who loves wine or France.

If you love wine -this will captivate you. A great read

Having been to many of the locations where they were searching for the Rosé, it brought back

many memories. It addition, it mentioned many Rosas to try.

Great book

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Extremely Pale Rose was good. I liked this story. It kept me turning pages to see if they would find the palest rose.

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