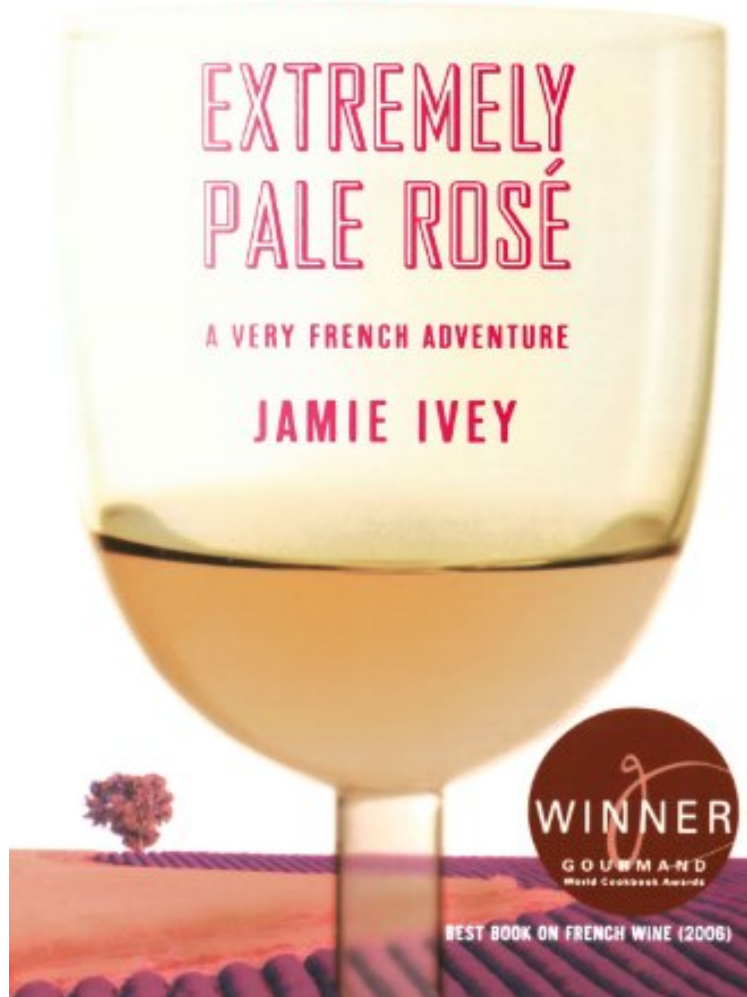



Extremely Pale Ros: A Very French Adventure

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Jamie Ivey : Extremely Pale Ros: A Very French Adventure before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Extremely Pale Ros: A Very French Adventure:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Entertaining Journey By ulysses4 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.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Irresistible for those who love France, wine and following your dream!By Marie RenardThis book is a dream come true for a francophile and oenophile. The author is extremely witty. His descriptions of the charactershe 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 disenchantedwith 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 are3 more sequels is a great consolation. I loved these people and their story!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun tale of quirky friends, wine, and FranceBy Consumer extraordinaireA 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.

Extremely Pale Ros follows Jamie Ivey's charming journey as he, his wife, Tanya, and their hilariously debauched friend, Peter, travel the south of France in search of the palest of ross. Far from the plonk he's used to, Jamie finds something fantastic about a cool, pale ros on a hot day. Due to a translation mishap, Jamie is taunted by a local vintner that there is no paler ros than hers and embarks on a quest to find one. Setting off on a ramshackle tour of France in search of the elusive bottle that meets the standards set, they visit main ros producing areas and through eccentric locals discover much the regions have to offer. With wit, candor, and wonderful storytelling, Jamie Ivey maintains a tradition of excellence in food and travel writing. Readers are left with dreams of France, summer days, baguettes, and--extremely pale ros.

From Publishers WeeklyFirst-time author Ivey, his wife and friends were enjoying a languid afternoon in France, sipping their favorite ros and conversing in stilted French with a woman at a neighboring table, a vintner who claimed to have the palest ros in all of France. Due to a misinterpretation on Ivey's part, he offers to find an even paler bottle within a year and submit it for her review. Soon, Ivey and Co. are off to Paris to meet with the first of many experts who will guide their journey. The trio winds their way through Champagne and other regions with varying degrees of success. A turning point comes when they taste a darker ros that eclipses the best varieties of pale ros, causing them to wonder whether or not pale ros is the be-all of ross. Ivey does an admirable job of setting the scenes, but the people he encounters never become more than his descriptions, and they pop in and out so quickly that it's difficult to keep them straight. Ivey never makes his journey the reader's journey, and the story leaves the reader in the dust without so much as a sip of wine for solace.Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. As with ros, the ultimate fun wine...what counts is atmosphere, wit and of course amusing French people. It's great fun to read, especially if you enjoy sticking your nose into all sorts of little-known corners of France. The Iveys...can't help but enjoy themselves, and so will readers. Eric Asimov, The New York Times' blog, "The Pour"A light, entertaining tale. Wine EnthusiastWitty escapism for those who enjoy, or enjoy reading about, good wine, good food, and good travel. Library JournalDelightfully quirky debut.Full-bodied. KirkusIn this carefree, breezy romp through the vineyards of Southern France, Jamie Ivey infuses a simple wine with the beauty of the countryside. Ivey will change the way you think of--and drink--ros forever. Natalie McLean, James Beard Award-winning publisher of Nat Decants at www.nataliemaclean.comAbout the AuthorJAMIE IVEY was a formerly a lawyer in London. Extremely Pale Ros is his first book.