

Italy to the Rescue

With its warm climate, and soils that manage to hold on to high acidity, Italian whites can be the best wines on a warm day. It's always appealing to have bubbles to ensure rejuvenation. As Prosecco typically exhibits ripe fruit and floral aromatics alongside its sparkle, it cools anyone off on a hot day. Wines from Alto Adige (Südtirol) take advantage of the elevation and rocky soils to make brightly acidic and refreshing wines as well.

Kettmeir 2014 Pinot Bianco, Südtirol DOC, Italy (\$22) Green apples, lilacs and a rocky minerality lead the flavor profile here, but the hint of richness on the palate make the wine perfect for lighter seafood or grazing on appetizers. ■■

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