Scorching hot.
Humid.
Muggy.

For many, that about sums up Arizona in August, when it’s 110 (or more) degrees one day and pouring rain the next, thanks to the monsoon.

But don’t let the dog days of summer give you the blues. Instead, use this time—likely being spent indoors watching the rain or cranking up the air conditioning—to explore some refreshing-yet-bold new red wine options? Yes, red wine is allowed in the summer, even here!

These are some can’t-miss options:

**2016 John C. Sullenger Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon**
Nickel & Nickel Winery

Named for man who—in the 1800s—initially settled the farmstead where the now-famous Nickel & Nickel sits, this approachable-yet-structured and elegant wine delights with notes of cherry as well as delicate herbs and a touch of earthiness. The softness is tempered well with a naturally acidic finish thanks to the tannins within.