

French fancy: 7 of the country's most iconic wines from some of our favourite holiday destinations

From crisp whites to rich reds and refreshing rosés, French wine-lovers are spoilt for choice this summer, says Sam Wylie-Harris.

With just the Eurotunnel between us, come summer, we love to pour into France – and we never tire of pouring their wines either.

With verdant vineyards throughout most of France, local refreshment is never more than a sip or two away.

Of course, when we land on French soil, the top three regions that come to mind are Champagne, Burgundy and Bordeaux – along with its world-famous rosé to entice us to the sun-drenched South of France.

Fancy sipping on some of France's finest this summer? Check out these seven top drops...



Simonnet-Febvre Chablis 2017, Premier Cru Vaillons

Heading to the south-west of Chablis, the only drawback to a good Burgundy blonde from the Vaillons vineyards (the wines have a mineral-driven purity and delicate floral style) is the price that can bring a tear to the eye.

But for chardonnay lovers who want to wind down at the end of the day with a chilled white that carries itself with finesse, this wine is refreshing with ripe citrusy fruit that has a lovely honeyed note, and a stony minerality that's bang on the money. A seductive match with cold langoustine and mayonnaise.