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14 French Wines To Drink For Bastille Day

France, a country synonymous with viticulture, boasts some of the finest wines in the world. From the rolling vineyards of Bordeaux to the lush hills of Burgundy, the diversity and richness of French wine are unparalleled.

And between hosting the annual Tour de France this month as well as the Summer Olympics in Paris, as if the calendar isn't packed enough, there's also [Bastille Day](#) (and also known as “La Fête Nationale”) on July 14. Suffice to say, there will be plenty of occasions in July to uncork a bottle and toast to the qualities of the French motto: liberty, equality and fraternity.

Here are 14 bottles to open—not all at once, of course, but surely any Francophile (and/or oenophile) will find a wine here that tickles the palate.

Langlois Brut Réserve

There has been a significant surge in demand for Loire Valley wines as discerning consumers recognize their exceptional quality and remarkable value. Langlois, a well-established benchmark producer of sparkling wine in the region, offers premium French sparkling wines known for their elegance. Recently, Langlois shifted focus exclusively to its crémants, solidifying its reputation as the foremost authority on Chenin Blanc and premium sparkling wine in the region, aging their wine more than twice the amount required and incorporating reserve wines for depth of flavor and complexity. Langlois' Crémant de Loire—with its bubbles and bright citrus notes—is perfect for al fresco dining, backyard BBQs and summer picnics. And it's easy to drink by the glass or in a spritz cocktail.

Hubert Brochard Sancerre 2023

Hubert Brochard, a family-owned estate renowned for its terroir-driven approach to sancerre, epitomizes summer with their flagship wine that maintains the hallmark of the house identity. As one of the largest landowners in the region, with 113 acres of sauvignon blanc and 39 acres of pinot noir, Hubert Brochard ensures high-quality standards from vine to bottle. This sancerre, with racy acidity and salinity, offers an invigorating experience perfect for hot days, while its subtle fruit notes and elegant balance make it an ideal match for summer fare like salads and seafood dishes. Tasting notes reveal a pale silver-straw color with green streaks, sharp and aromatics of lime peel, grapefruit blossom, chopped tarragon and fennel bulb.

Domaine Chanson Chablis 2022

Chanson's chablis is a standout choice for summer, capturing the essence of the renowned Burgundy village. Sourced from hillside plots near the village, it boasts the region's signature crispness, intense green-apple acidity and a mineral backbone. The 2022 vintage, characterized by balanced temperatures and careful harvesting, yields a wine with delicate floral fragrances and a revitalizing finish. This combination of terroir-driven flavors and meticulous winemaking results in a chablis that embodies phenolic maturity akin to Premier and Grand Cru wines, making it perfect for warm summer nights and al fresco dining.

Roseblood Blanc 2023

Crafted at the renowned Château d'Estoublon in Provence, co-owned by model and singer Carla Bruni and her husband, former President Nicolas Sarkozy, this wine is an exceptional choice for summer enjoyment. Made from a blend of rolle, sauvignon blanc and sémillon grapes, it features a delightful citrusy taste with a hint of zing and nuanced complexity. With a moderate alcohol content of 12.50%, it offers a pleasurable sipping experience without overwhelming the palate.