# **FRENCHLY**

## These French Wines are Perfect for Spring Sipping

As soon as the cherry blossoms begin to snow their petals onto fresh green grass, the itch to ditch kicks in, and somehow you find yourself playing hooky on a gorgeous Friday afternoon, a glass of rosé having mysteriously appeared in your hand. Just me? Well, however and wherever you choose to imbibe this spring, these French white, rosé, and sparkling wines are sure to suit the occasion.

#### 8 Perfect Park Picnic Wines from France

#### 1. Roseblood d'Estoublon

The Château d'Estoublon, a project of the French pop icon Carla Bruni, managed to produce an excellent 2024 vintage of their <u>Roseblood rosé</u>, despite a challenging year. This blend of Grenache Noir, Syrah, Cinsault, Semillon, and Rolle is vibrant on the nose and the tongue, with floral notes that evoke the Alpilles in Provence where the wine is made, and a mineral backbone that nods to the nearby Mediterranean Sea. Flavors of red berries and citrus make this wine refined, yet zippy enough to have you coming back for a second glass.

### 3. Hubert Brochard Château de Thauvenay Sancerre

This 2O23 vintage is a beautiful expression of the Loire Valley's commitment to sustainable farming, coming from a High Environmental Value vineyard, so you can enjoy without guilt. The perfect combination of structure and freshness has tropical aromas and a refined acidity, countered by a touch of salt and stone. Enjoy this Sancerre from <a href="Hubert Brochard">Hubert Brochard</a> with some <a href="grilled freshwater fish">grilled freshwater fish</a> like the kind found in the Loire Valley not far from the Château de Thauvenay where this wine is produced.