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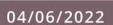
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5 French Wines to Add to Your Repertoire

If you haven't been drinking the wines of France lately, now is the time to revisit! So many of the classic "international" varieties, planted and producing wines around the world, are of French origin. Though you can find these varieties in hundreds of other regions, the French have always led the way in showcasing the essence of place and the true character of each of these varieties. Let's raise a glass and toast the French! #Cheers

Slightly smoky, mineral-driven, and juicy, the
Sauvignon Blanc wines of Loire Valley are some of the
most beautiful expressions of the fruit produced in
France. The limestone and silex-filled soils reveal a
smoky character that sets Loire Valley Sauvignon
Blanc apart from the rest, particularly those produced
in Sancerre, Pouilly-Fume, and other regions of
Centre-Loire moving west into Touraine. J_de
Villebois_Touraine_Sauvignon_Blanc_(\$18) is a blend of
vineyard blocks overlooking the Cher Valley, a



tributary of the Loire River, rich with flintstone-filled soils. Crisp, clean, and refreshing, the wine leaps from the glass with inviting aromas of lemon-lime, white flowers, and soft herbs, leading to a mineral-driven palate that is ideal paired with goat cheese, oysters, fresh crab, or spring pea risotto.