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GOLDEN GLOW

HOPING TO TOAST AN INDIAN SUMMER? SAM WYLIE-HARRIS RECOMMENDS THESE TIPPLES

PURE, POLISHED WHITES

The nights are drawing in and the recent heatwave will soon be a distant memory – but that doesn't mean you can't still enjoy a refreshing glass of white wine. Whether you're fond of an elegant tippie, a casual, neutral style, or something as sharp as a whistle, these wines will help your summer last just a little bit longer. Refreshing and ready to drink now, here are some of our top picks for your fridge...

SAY IT WITH A BOTTLE

A floral and grapey muscat that's laced with a mild sweetness, Torres Days of Summer 2013, Chile (£6.99, The Co-op) is deliciously juicy and exuberant with honeysuckle notes and a lovely lift of yellow apples and lemon on the gentle finish. The perfect accompaniment for a picnic, the white label even resembles a wicker basket.

UNDER THE SPANISH SUN

The trendy grape from Galicia that devotees are labelling the new sauvignon blanc or pinot grigio, albarino is fresh and breezy with a touch of saline minerality and crisp, citrus fruit flavours that pair so well with shellfish and seafood. Try Sendero des Santos Albarino 2012, Rias Baixas DO, Spain (£12.99, www.laithwaites.co.uk) which is aromatic and classy with peach, grapefruit and a hint of lemon on the energetic finish.

MADE IN ITALY

Flavoursome and silky with bags of

appeal, A Mano Fiano, Greco Bianco, Puglia, Italy (£7.95, www.thewinesociety.com) marries southern Italy's two best indigenous grapes – fiano and greco – to deliver a lively and zesty Campanian white with enough body and weight to keep it interesting. Fresh and floral with apple, pear and blanched nut flavours, a

hint of smoke and good minerality.

POSTCARD FROM PORTUGAL

A terrific southern white from the heart of Portugal's cork-growing region, Marques De Borba White 2013, DOC Alentejo, Portugal (£8.95, www.tanners-wines.co.uk) balances two local varieties with viognier for a flattering style that's soft and round with fragrant honeysuckle, apricot and peach flavours, ending with a gentle, delicate finish and juicy acidity.

MEURSAULT WITH THE MOSTEST

Goedhuis & Co romped home with this year's International Wine Challenge (IWC) Specialist Merchant Award for Burgundy, and with top drawer Meursaults on their listing, such as Meursault Jean Philippe Fichet 2011, Burgundy, France (£29.92 per bottle, £359 per case of 12, www.goedhuis.com) from talented winemaker Jean-Philippe Fichet, it's easy to see why. Utterly delicious from beginning to end, it's elegant and linear enough to enjoy at lunchtime.

KIWI THAT WEARS THE CROWN

New Zealand's most awarded winery, Villa Maria have just released the latest

vintage of their best seller, Villa Maria Private Bin Sauvignon Blanc 2014, Marlborough, NZ (£10.99 or £9.34 when you buy two at Majestic). A glass of sunshine-scorched gooseberries and passion fruit, balanced by notes of fresh lime, it's fruitier and more intense than its 2013 predecessor and perfect with Thai chicken kebabs or seared salmon.

REACH DOWN UNDER

If you like a fruity, fresh white but think you don't like chardonnay, think again.

An unoaked style from Wirra Wirra's winning portfolio of well made wines, Wirra Wirra Scrubby Rise Unwooded



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Chardonnay 2013, McLaren Vale, Australia (£9.99, Tesco) fuses subtle pineapple with white peach and juicy, ripe pear with blossomy lemon and citrus notes, and doesn't scrimp on flavour without the use of oak. The pretty blue boating label just makes it even more appealing.

CALIFORNIAN CLASSIC

America's number one, bestselling chardonnay for more than 20 years, Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay 2012, California, USA (£15.99, www.henningswine.co.uk) has a rich core of baked apple, honeydew melon and custard pie, with wafts of tropical fruits, vanilla and honey. An easy drinking chard that's smooth, creamy and with vanilla-laced oak on the finish.

