

Fancy a Tipple? Provence postcards

Our drinks columnist Sam Wylie-Harris flirts with some Provençal pinks and reveals why they're so fashionable and seductive.

Named after the Cabaret rose flower of the same colour, Cabaret Rose 2012, Cotes de Provence (£9, Oddbins) sounds like an open invitation to party, and this wine is certainly worth making a song and dance about. The family have been making wines for more than 700 years (wine-growing in Provence dates back to Roman times), and the winery is a stone's throw from the foot of Montagne Sainte-Victoire which Cezanne painted throughout his career. An entry level wine from Olivier Sumeire, Cabaret is a peachy-coral shade, nicely scented with an elegant silky mouthfeel and enough body and flavour to charm even non-rose lovers into asking for a second glass.

A notch up the scale, Sumeire's Chateau Coussin Rose 2012, Cotes de Provence (£12.25, Oddbins) is another joyous glass that doesn't hold back on flavour; a bouquet of summer flowers, savoury, red berry fruits and a soft, silky mouthfeel ending with lively acidity.