



An attendee of the 8th Annual World of Pinot Noir wine event examines bottles in the silent auction. Held in Shell Beach each March, WOPN is one of California's top Pinot Noir extravaganzas. For information, go to [www.worldofpinotnoir.com](http://www.worldofpinotnoir.com)

## GARDEN PARTY

### THESE FLORAL WINES OFFER SUBLIME SUMMER SIPS.

Are your dahlias drooping? Do you cringe at the sight of your sagging sunflowers? Fear not. These floral bottles capture the essence of a blooming garden:

**VIIGNIER:** Exotic and seductive, this popular Rhône varietal is also extremely fragrant. Known for its heady aromas of orange blossom and acacia, Viognier also has the decadent taste of honey. Try it with steamed Dungeness crab legs.

**GEWÜRZTRAMINER:** A veritable flower garden in a bottle, Gewürztraminer exhibits fragrances of rose petals and gardenias, along with its signature spiciness and flavors of lychee fruit. Spicy Thai curries are a great match.

**TORRONTES:** There is no mistaking a patch of honeysuckle when you encounter one. Sweet, floral and fresh, Argentina's Torrontes is the bee's knees when it comes to evoking this childhood memory. Sip it with mild to medium cheeses, or with white, flaky fish like haddock.

**CABERNET FRANC:** Proving that not just white wines can be floral, Cabernet Franc entices with the scent of violets, which can jump out of the glass with some bottles. It's a winner with Greek cuisine.

—KELLY MAGYARICS

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