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South of France Meets South Beach



Normally, I take my transatlantic trip to St. Tropez in July. But this year, I only have to walk around the block from my home in South Beach to feel like I've landed along the Cote d'Azur. Thanks to Halle Berry's current squeeze, French actor Olivier Martinez, along with partners Jean-Philippe Bernard and Michael Martin, a new jetset hotspot, Villa Azur, is opening this weekend in Miami Beach.

Villa Azur promises a romantic French Riviera ambiance designed by renowned interior designer, Francois Frossard. He created that *je-ne-sais-quoi* feeling by combining vintage and modern, mixing antique woods and chandeliers with contemporary furniture. In addition to the indoor and outdoor dining areas, there is the private wine cellar, La Cave d'Azur, where guests can dine in a more intimate setting. It will house over 190 hand-picked wines and champagnes from a small village appellation to a Grand Cru Classé of France, Italy and Spain as well as a prestigious American winery.