The French And The Wine

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When the French were in the country they camped in Triesen by t he Rhein and from there they came up to the upper village and s tole the cattle But in particular they were interested in the wine they retriev ed from the cellars and poured into wash buckets so full that i s splashed out from both sides When they carried the load back to their camp in one house an o ld woman had hidden her belongings in the cellar and erected a wood pile in front of the door The soldiers however discovered the secret invaded the cellar r avished it and drank themselves into delirium The farmer woman came upon them and begged that they at least w ould leave for her a small barrel with old wine One infantryman knocked the plug out of the barrel so that the wine gushed onto the floor and he howled in broken German:

Yes good lady - after all it is war...