EST VINE YARDS 2005

POUR SMILE REPEAT

CHRISTMAS IN A BOX

Christmas deserves good wine. From the first glass of fizz to the last delicious sip of the day, we've handpicked six bottles to make the festive season that little bit more special. A beautiful collection of old favourites and wonderful discoveries, with something for the Christmas table, the unexpected visitor and those lovely, unhurried days in between. Our kind of indulgent selection box – for adults!

LES VAUBLINS – CRÉMANT DE LOIRE – FRANCE

Who says you need Champagne to celebrate? Made using the traditional method, this elegant Loire Valley sparkling wine is full of crisp red apple, citrus and delicate white blossom, with fine, lively bubbles and a wonderfully fresh finish. A beautiful way to begin Christmas Day, especially with smoked salmon, canapés or simply good company.

DOMAINE GÉRARD TREMBLAY – CHABLIS – FRANCE

A true French classic, and a particularly lovely one at that. Pure Chardonnay from Burgundy, with fresh green apple, citrus and delicate white flowers, all wrapped up in Chablis' unmistakable mineral freshness. Elegant, beautifully balanced and made for the Christmas table. Try it with oysters, seafood starters or a generous helping of roast turkey.

LA VAL ORBALLO – ALBARIÑO – SPAIN

A little taste of Galicia's Atlantic coastline. Bright and aromatic, with ripe pear, apricot and citrus, followed by a deliciously fresh, almost salty finish. There's a lovely generosity to the fruit, balanced by mouthwatering acidity. Wonderful with prawns, smoked fish or the Boxing Day seafood platter, if you're feeling particularly organised.

VILLA WOLF – PINOT NOIR – GERMANY

Silky, juicy and wonderfully easy to love. This elegant German Pinot Noir brings ripe cherries, red berries and a gentle touch of spice, with soft tannins and a lovely savoury edge. A brilliant alternative to a heavier Christmas red. Particularly good with roast turkey, mushroom dishes or that magnificent leftover sandwich on Boxing Day.

FALASCO FAUSTO – MALBEC – ARGENTINA

Something rather special for the red wine lovers. Rich and generous, with beautifully ripe blackberry, blueberry and dark cherry, lifted by hints of violet, black pepper and warming spice. Full-bodied, smooth and wonderfully velvety. Bring this one out for roast beef, a festive cheeseboard or a properly indulgent winter supper.

QUINTA DO VALLADO – 10-YEAR-OLD TAWNY PORT – PORTUGAL – 50CL

Christmas in a glass, quite frankly. A beautifully mellow, oak-aged Tawny Port with layers of dried fruit, caramel, praline and candied orange, finishing with a delicate hint of spice. Rich and silky, yet wonderfully elegant. Pour a small glass alongside Christmas pudding, mince pies or a piece of good Stilton. Better still, find a comfortable chair and take your time.

Here's to good food, good wine and good company.

Merry Christmas, from all of us at Vineyards.

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