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Mistletoe and wine: The ultimate drink guide for your Christmas festivities

ONLY the best will do at Christmas – so get into the festive spirit with S Magazine wine expert Jamie Goode's ultimate guide to the finest wines and spirits you can buy...

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Choose something special for Christmas Eve

Best for Christmas Eve

The night before Christmas is all about anticipation – so even if you're saving the finest of your wines for the big day itself, there's still every excuse to open something a little bit special. I'd be more than happy to settle down on the sofa with any one of these...

From left:

Puy de Dôme Pinot Noir 2013, Auvergne, France £7.95, thewinesociety.com (01438 741177), 13% alcohol

This elegant pinot from a remote, volcanic area of central France is a versatile food wine. You'll struggle to find better at the price.

Yalumba The Y Series Old Bush Vine Grenache 2012, Australia £11.99, Tesco 14% alcohol

This is a deliciously vivid yet elegant red, with cherry fruit flavours backed by notes of pepper, spice and ginger. It's not a blockbuster Aussie red, but it is packed with interest, nonetheless.

Henry Fessy Coteaux Bourguignons 2012, France £9, Marks & Spencer, 12.5% alcohol

Made from old gamay vines, this is a supple, pure and elegant red wine with a fine-grained structure and silky, cherry-fruit flavour.

Morrison's Signature Chablis 2012, Burgundy, France £9.99, Morrison's, 12.5% alcohol

This crisp, typical Chablis is made from chardonnay grapes grown in the coolest part of Burgundy. It offers some lovely, mineral, smoky, citrus-fruit flavours.

Mayu Pedro Ximénez Dingle Vineyard 2014, Chile £8, Sainsbury's, 13% alcohol

This is a personal favourite. It's a bright, stylish, pure white wine, with pear and citrus flavours, from the Elqui Valley.