



The *ultimate*
HIGH STREET GUIDE
to *Christmas Drinks*

THE IMPORTANCE OF DRINKS AT CHRISTMAS

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We source incredible wines from the very best producers around the world to bring to the UK to join our very own brands.

Our wines make their way to supermarkets and specialist stores all over the country, including Co-op, Waitrose, Ocado Tesco, Sainsbury's, Booths, Majestic and many more.

The Christmas season is simply MADE for wine and great drinks, but this Christmas is set to be extra precious. We all want to offer our friends and family the very best, so expert palates from across Kingsland Drinks have curated the best drinks from across the high street for you.



We've highlighted what to drink with traditional festive fare and how to pick corkers which will rock your kitchen disco. We've included premium drinks for special celebrations, budget-friendly fizz, party kick-starters and even wine for an eco-friendlier Christmas.

There's something for everyone, so celebrate in style!

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THE BEST FIZZ

FOR FESTIVITIES



CORTE MOLINO PROSECCO EXTRA DRY

The stunning Corte Molino Prosecco Extra Dry is a fine example of this easy-drinking fizz. Striking with its sensational Tiffany-blue label, this delightful sparkler - which is floral on the nose and delicately fruity on the palate - is made from an exclusive selection of Glera grapes to create a straw-yellow Prosecco with a fine fizz.

Serve chilled as a festive aperitif or with canapés and light starters

Italy | NV | 11% abv | £8.50 | Co-op
Suitable for Vegans



LOUIS DELAUNAY CHAMPAGNE

This delightful and elegant Champagne is made from Pinot Noir, Meunier and Chardonnay grapes. The result is a lemony fresh wine with white peach flavours and citrus zing.

A fine and delicate fizz, which is perfect for celebrating those special festive moments.

France | NV | 12% abv | £14 | Tesco

Top tip
from
David Gill
MASTER OF WINE

SERVING THE PERFECT SPARKLER

Make sure you chill your fizz properly before opening and invest in a sparkling wine stopper to keep the bottles tip top.

The best way to open fizz is to tilt the bottle away from you, grip the cork and twist the bottle. Also try to hold onto the cork as it comes free - you'll hear a gentle hiss and know you won't drench anyone!

SUMPTUOUS SEAFOOD

THE WINES TO PAIR WITH YOUR STARTERS



THE HIDDEN SEA ROSÉ

With a nose of strawberries and cream and a background of freshly cut roses, this deliciously drinkable rosé has a light, fresh palate with vibrant sweet fruit. The sweet fruit goes beautifully with citrusy seafood starters. It's suitable for vegans.

For every bottle sold, The Hidden Sea removes 10 plastic bottles from the ocean.

Australia | 2021 | 12.5% abv | £9 | Sainsburys
Suitable for Vegans



EIGHT THOUSAND LAKES WASHINGTON STATE RIESLING

Fresh and citrusy with a lovely gentle white-flower-scented aroma, this is a delightful seafood pairing - a must with scallops and lighter white fish, but intense enough to accompany richer fish dishes.

This is a classic from Ancient Lake region, on the east side of the Cascade mountains.

USA | 2019 | 11.5% abv | £9.99 on mixed 6
Majestic | Suitable for Vegans



MATCHING WINE TO SEAFOOD STARTERS

You need a fresh wine with a depth of flavour for seafood. My top choice for scallops is The Riesling from Washington State. It's just enough sweetness to match the flavour. The Hidden Sea Rosé will give the same effect - the subtle red fruit aromas and flavours partner brilliantly with prawns and crab.

THE BIG EVENT

WINES FOR THE CHRISTMAS TABLE



BARON DE LEY GRAN RESERVA RIOJA

Following the most classical concepts of Rioja wine, this Gran Reserva was aged for 24 months in 50% American and 50% French oak casks, before a further three years rounding off in the bottle. It's a beautiful ruby-red with medium depth of colour and slight brick-red hues and has great aromatic intensity on the nose. The aftertaste is long and lingering, recalling reminders of toasted wood and dried fruits.

A sensual and sensational match to roast meats, salty pigs in blankets and all the trimmings.

Spain | 2014 | 13.5% abv | £19.99 | Waitrose
Suitable for Vegans



LAURENT BROTTÉ GRAND VALLON CNDP BLANC GRANDE RÉSERVE

Straw yellow with golden highlights and a nose of white flowers and white-fleshed stone fruits evolving into notes of buttery hazelnuts, this incredible white Chateauneuf-du-Pape Grande Réserve is mouth-filling and plump with notes of honey and fresh ripe peach. This is a decadent, showstopping choice for the festive dinner table.

This wine has an elegant citrus finish to add an extra oomph to the proceedings and match the succulent roast turkey.

France | 2020 | 13.5% abv | £14.99 | Aldi
Suitable for Vegans



PAIRING WINES WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Classic Christmas lunch demands classic wines and these two are absolute pearls. This classic Chateauneuf Blanc has a wonderful depth and weight of fruit which complements festive fare – including veggie and vegan eats – perfectly.

The team at Baron de Ley are the kings of Rioja with the Gran Reserva setting a benchmark. It has great intensity of red fruit from the Tempranillo, perfume from a splash of enigmatic Graciano, all melded beautifully with the depth of spicy oak from barrel ageing. Like all weighty reds, decant an hour before enjoying.

CHEESEBOARD CHECKERS

WINES TO PAIR WITH YOUR STILTON AND BRIE



BARON DE LEY RESERVA RIOJA

Made primarily using Tempranillo grapes grown in Baron de Ley's Mendavia vineyards, its deep cherry colour and complex aromas are the result of spending 20 months in new oak casks followed by maturation in the bottle. On the nose it surprises you with its powerful fruity, red berry character mingling with reminders of its noble ageing, traces of coconut, toffee and attractive wild herb nuances.

Its fruity, herby and noble-ageing characteristics make it a wonderful accompaniment to a varied Christmas cheeseboard.

Spain | 2016 | 13.5% abv | £11 | Co-op
Suitable for Vegans



MARQUES DE LOS RIOS RIOJA BLANCO RESERVA

An attractive bright yellow colour, this stunning white Rioja has an intense nose with hints of cocoa, sweet fruit and cinderbox, which ultimately give rise to autumnal aromas of marmalade oranges and honey. On the palate this wine is light and fresh with excellent fruit character.

Barón de Ley specialises in Reserva and Gran Reserva wines, honouring Rioja's acclaimed tradition of long ageing in French and American oak barrels.

Spain | 2018 | 12.5% abv | £13 | Morrisons
Suitable for Vegans



DRINKING WINE WITH CHEESE

There's nothing better than sitting around the table, cracking jokes, swapping stories and having a glass of wine with a cheeseboard.

Made for the moment, Baron de Ley Reserva has a sweet fruit and oak spice which works well with the richer, darker cheeses.

The oaky Marques de los Rios Rioja Blanco works best with the white cheeses – especially ones with nuts - and also stands up to blue cheese.

VEGAN DELIGHTS

DARING CHOICES FOR A VEGAN ROAST



PLUM & PEPPER BAROSSA VALLEY SHIRAZ

This is a dark, spicy, beautifully mature red from the Barossa Valley - the spiritual home of Shiraz down under!

Bold, juicy and textured, it is full of dark fruits with a long finish. It will make a big-statement accompaniment to a delicious vegan roast dinner with all the trimmings.

Australia | 2017 | 14.5% abv | £12.99 | Majestic Suitable for Vegans



KLEINFELS RIESLING D'ALSACE

With ripe white stone fruit, tropical notes and a hint of that classic petrolly development, this scrummy Riesling is fresh and dry with a lovely depth and intensity of flavour.

It will work well with a nut roast or vegan Christmas centrepiece.

France | 2020 | 12% abv | £10.99 | Waitrose Suitable for Vegans

Top tip
from
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PAIRING WINES WITH VEGAN CUISINE

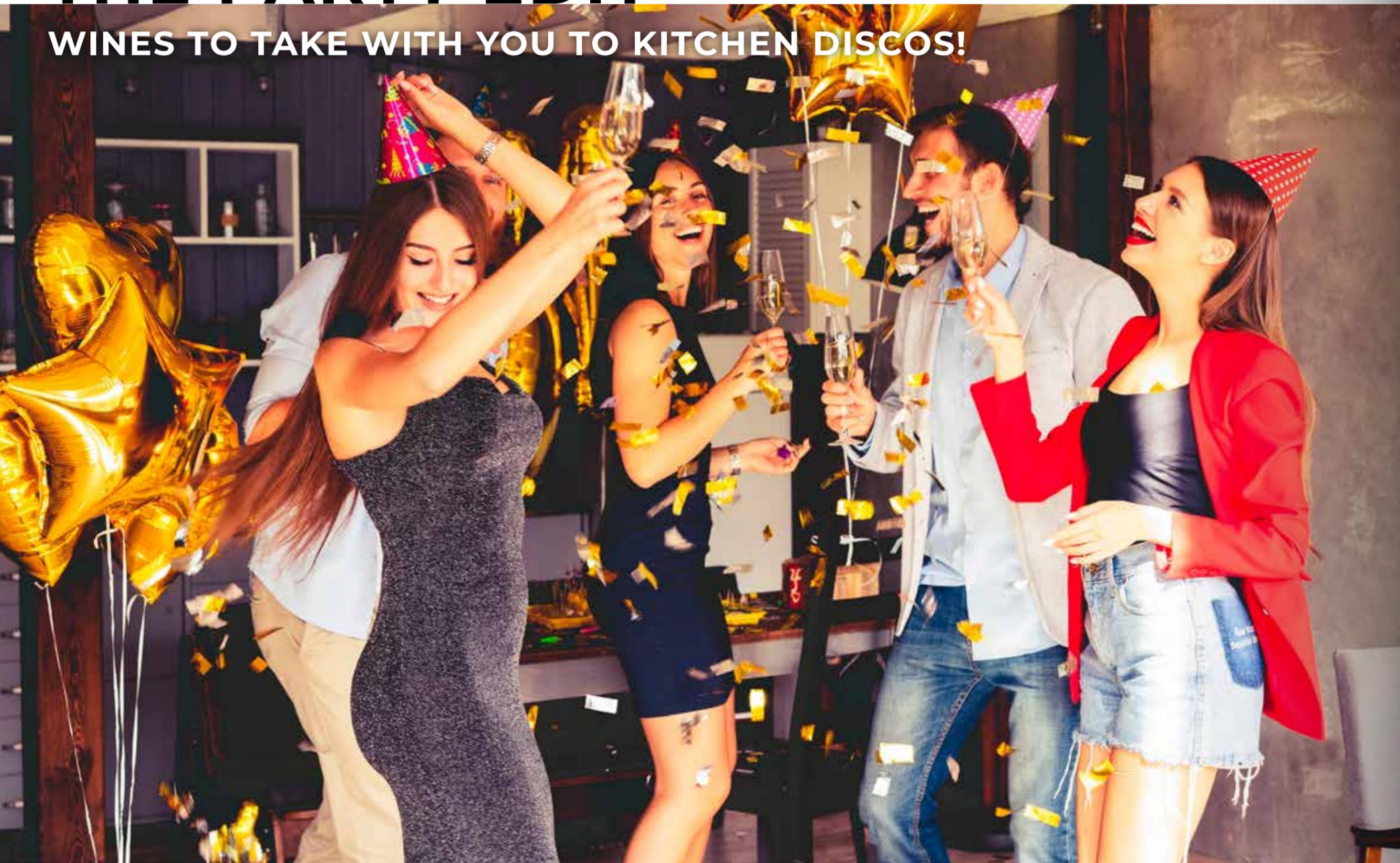
When matching wines to vegan cuisine, consider the richness and depth of the flavours, any sweetness and any oiliness.

Use the wine to offset those flavours and textures and to enhance the aromatic elements of the dish.

Have fun and try out a couple of different wines to see what you prefer!

THE PARTY EDIT

WINES TO TAKE WITH YOU TO KITCHEN DISCOS!



VIN CROWD

If you're prepping for the festive party season and want to hit the right note with your squad, look no further than Vin Crowd! This pair of canned Christmas corks look as fabulous as the vegan-friendly fizz tastes. Available in a Pink Spritz and a Botanical Spritz, both flavours are low in calories and taste sparkling and sensational...



VIN CROWD PINK SPRITZ

A pale pink rosé spritz with hints of strawberries and raspberries, this gorgeous easy drinking fizz is juicy, fruity, and refreshing. It is best served chilled straight from the can or over ice, and it's simply perfect for parties! At just 91 cals a can, it's great for anyone who doesn't want to overindulge.

5% abv | 91kcal | 250ml | Can
£2.25 (2 for £3) | Co-op
Suitable for Vegans



VIN CROWD BOTANICAL SPRITZ

A thrillingly fruity combination of raspberries and juniper make this wine spritz a deliciously daring treat. Best served chilled straight from the can or over ice, it's a real winner, whatever the Christmas party occasion may be – and is the perfect kitchen disco champion for festive house parties with friends or family.

5.5% abv | 139kcal | 250ml | Can
£2.25 (2 for £3) | Co-op
Suitable for Vegans



CORTE MOLINO PROSECCO DOC ROSÉ

A blend of Glera and Pinot Nero, the deliciously delectable Corte Molino Prosecco DOC Rosé is vibrant pink in colour with delightful flavours of raspberry and strawberry and delicate floral notes. A real treat as an aperitif, it's also great served chilled in a flute for party perfection!

The Italian authorities only approved the production of prosecco rosé just last year, and this is a brilliant example of how this new style sparkler should taste.

Italy | 2020 | 11% abv | £8.50 | Co-op
Suitable for Vegans

Top tip
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"Stocking the fridge up with canned wine spritz drinks is a great way to be party ready for impromptu house guests or last-minute party invites."

DREAMING

OF AN ECO-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS



DRINK WINE, SAVE THE OCEAN

THE HIDDEN SEA SAUVIGNON BLANC

Very pale in colour with green hints, this sublime Sauvignon Blanc is packed full of passionfruit and pineapple aromas, while typical freshly cut grass abounds on the nose. The snappy Sauvy B makes the perfect pressie for the eco-conscious warrior or vegan wine lover in your life. It looks fabulous too... the eye-catching label, designed by acclaimed New York-based artist, Jon Contino, features a sketch of a fossilised whale that was found underneath the vineyards.

The Hidden Sea actively removes 10 single-use plastic bottles from the ocean for every bottle sold, with the audacious aim of removing one billion bottles by 2030.

Australia | 2021 | 12% abv | £9 | Sainsburys & Asda
Suitable for Vegans



FOR THE TREE LOVERS

ANDREW PEACE SIGNATURE SHIRAZ

From their stunning vineyard in the Murray Valley, Victoria, family-owned brand Andrew Peace has created this brilliant, excellent value Shiraz. A smooth, full-bodied red wine blended from Shiraz; this quaffable red is also suitable for vegans. With ripe black fruit flavours with a hint of cherry, it is delicious drunk on its own in front of a roaring fire.

The Andrew Peace family has planted more than 15,000 trees in the last 25 years, 100% of wastewater on its vineyard is re-used, and its energy comes from solar panels.

Australia | 2021 | 14% abv | £5.50 | Co-op
Suitable for Vegans

PRECIOUS GIFTS

PRESENTS FOR THE WINE AFICIONADOS IN YOUR LIFE



BARON DE LEY CLUB PRIVADO RESERVA RIOJA

This is a stunning, perfectly poised Rioja that would make a fabulous gift for the Rioja lover in your life. Intense ruby-red colour, the Club Privado is packed full of ripe fruit on the nose, accompanied by fine spicy nuances from its time in the cellar. On the palate it has good presence and mouthfeel, with smooth, rounded tannins and a long finish.

Round and fruity, it is made from Tempranillo grapes from vines grown in Baron de Ley's "Los Almendros" estate - the largest Estate of D.O.Ca. Rioja

Spain | 2015 | 14% abv | £12.99 | Waitrose
Suitable for Vegetarians



TOURMALINE PROVENCE ROSÉ MAGNUM ROSÉ ALL DAY!

Pale pink in colour, this impressive magnum of rosé is seductive and delicate on the nose with ripe red berries and white flowers. An explosion of fruit on the palate, expressive with a nice freshness throughout the finish.

This magnum of Provence Rosé is presented in a beautifully chic bottle to make the perfect gift. It's not just a rosé...it's a rosé wine with attitude!

France | NV | 12.5% abv | £25.99 | Waitrose
Suitable for Vegans



GIFTING WINES

Wines that have something a little special about them make great gifts, as you can tailor them to the recipient. Here we have an affordable but brilliant red and a seriously impressive magnum of deliciously dry Provence rosé, which looks sensational and tastes sublime.



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