

Sugestão de vinho para o Natal

Christmas wine suggestions



## Patrick Stuart's Christmas wine suggestions

Some friends of mine, who recently moved to the Algarve and have a house-full of guests arriving this week to join them for their first Algarve Christmas, asked me for some wine suggestions.

I started jotting down notes and eventually decided to request some extra space from the editor and share my ideas with our dear Algarve Resident readers.

What I buy in for the festive season is governed not only by budget but also by who will be drinking it. I like to find some wines for all occasions in the lower-price range – well, not too low as it Christmas, but wines that can be enjoyed in substantial quantity without breaking the bank. And then I will buy a few bottles of something more special to be savoured by those who really appreciate quality.

Finally, we are in Portugal and when entertaining friends and family from overseas, I like to focus on Portuguese wines, so everything here is proudly made in Portugal.

### Bubbles

We always (weather permitting, which it nearly always does) start our Christmas day with a small gathering of friends and family on the beach. When fortified with a few glasses of bubbly, some us take a refreshing dip in the ocean! This is definitely not an occasion for expensive Champagne or even a premium espumante.

What we are looking for is something easy-drinking and I think in this case pink. My suggestion is Soalheiro Rosé Brut



Soalheiro Bruto Rosé, a good, easy-drinking sparkler

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## Whites

Thinking of the Christmas table now, both for pairing with starters and then something else capable of working with the turkey roast for those who don't want to drink red.

Assuming that starters are fairly light, maybe something seafood-based, we want a clean and fresh wine, certainly not oaked.

As good an alternative as any is a nice unoaked Alvarinho with many excellent options from today's two main players, Soalheiro

As for a white to drink with the turkey, I could well stick with Alvarinho and one of the premium oaked wines such as Soalheiro Reserva,

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