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The Ultimate Christmas Six

Aile d'Argent, Château Mouton Rothschild, Bordeaux 2022, France x I

Notes of mango, lime, gooseberry and melon. Exotic, soft and fleshy with exuberant acidity. Finishing with a hint of saline and oiliness, this is nicely textured and should be enjoyed in its youth.

Charmes-Chambertin grand cru, Réne Bouvier 2005, France x I

Most Mazoyère-Chambertin is sold as Charmes, and this is the case here, but it does produce a slightly more structured wine. This combines however with beautiful sweet fruit in a wine which is carefully crafted, long and elegant.

Puligny-Montrachet Ier cru Folatières, Dom. Leflaive 2004, France x I With a smoky nose, this is a lovely racy wine with a savoury edge, a direct result of Folatières' position on the upper slopes. The fruit is sweet - yellow plums - and it normally drinks earlier than other Leflaive 1er crus.

Château Canon, Ier grand cru classé 'B' Saint-Emilion 2016, France \times I

Intoxicating notes of violets, kirsch and dark chocolate. Black berry, red fruit and spice dominate. Wonderfully balanced and energetic with a backbone of fine tannins, sheer indulgence.

Smith Woodhouse Vintage Port 1980, Portugal x I

Full and deep, with excellent structure, aromatic, powerful and long. Mouthfilling and meaty, with sweet fruit; blackcurrants, cherries, cassis and chocolate notes.

Billecart-Salmon Le Clos Saint Hilaire, Brut Champagne 2005, France \times I

Rich buttery shortbread, with gentle floral tones and white truffle. More citrus on the palate, mandarine with some pear fruit and a warm toasted note before a fine, mineral finish.