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As we have suggested for years, there are no right or wrong choices to serve at Christmas dinner. But experience has taught me that if your dinner involves multiple guests and a mix of ages, and even generations, great wines from old vintages, the kind that require attention, are not recommended. That means red wines with soft tannins and white wines with a reasonably fruity, aromatic demeanour.

Our suggestions for 2012 are based on a quintet of Christmas dinner main courses: vegetarian, turkey, ham, beef or lamb.

If ham is on the menu, or any kind of charcuterie, think off-dry Riesling. The fruit and acidity is a perfect foil to the smoke and salt. There is good news for vegetarians who seem to prosper at Christmas thanks to the many meatless, vegetable side dishes and trimmings that combine brilliantly with the emerging category of aromatic blends. That said, the same wines work just as well with turkey - although it's hard to beat a fruit-forward Chardonnay or New World Pinot Noir. If red blends are your thing, consider a tasty blend of Rhone red varieties. If lamb is on the menu, the slam-dunk match is Syrah, but Syrah blends are equally welcomed, as is Malbec with its savoury, juicy dark fruit flavours. The former could be French or Argentine.

Finally, before you dine, be sure to consider sparkling wine to settle everyone down. Given the festivities of Christmas, we suggest rose champagne. Happy holidays and plan ahead.

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