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John Legend Has the Sweetest Reason for Listening to Christmas Music Year-Round



December is a busy month for [John Legend](#), the current team-title holder of [The Voice](#) who will defend the honor as the singing competition wraps its season Dec. 16 and 17. Legend, 40, recently voted the year's Sexiest Man Alive by [People](#) magazine, will also appear in the new holiday music special [Christmas Under the Stars](#) (Dec. 1 on BYUtv) and in the rerun of [A Legendary Christmas With John and Chrissy](#) (Dec. 12 on NBC). There's also a new deluxe version of his [A Legendary Christmas](#) album featuring [Kelly Clarkson](#).

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You also have a wine label based in the California wine country. There've been so many fires up there. Is everything OK?

We keep getting updates from our friends up there. We worked directly with Raymond Vineyards, and they've had challenges in Napa Valley and the surrounding area. They keep updating us and everything's OK for them right now. But we're fully aware of how challenging those fires can be. The last time they had major fires up there, we did a big fundraiser from Napa Valley to help folks who had been displaced and were struggling due to the fires. Whatever we can do to help people, we'll try to do that.

Why wine as opposed to, say, tequila, like George Clooney's done?

Wine's truly my drink of choice. I tend to drink wine more than any other alcohol, and I've always felt like it went really well with my music. My fans tell me that all the time. So I just felt like that fit more with my personality and with who I am as an artist.

We were looking for a partner, and we found the perfect one in **Jean-Charles Boisset**, who owns [Raymond Vineyards](#) and owns his own wine label as well, JCB. He's a brilliant, charismatic guy. He knows wine so well. He grew up in a winemaking family. He married into the Gallo family, so he's married into a winemaking family too. He's got so much experience making wine, and so much joy and passion for it. So it's truly a thrill to work with him and his whole team.

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