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NEED LESS STRESS THIS XMAS? HERE ARE SOME OF THE PLACES PUTTING CHRISTMAS IN A BOX, SAYS **LAURA MILLAR...**

**'TIS THE SEASON TO BE (VERY MERRY)**

PRE-MIXED COCKTAILS, UK FIZZ AND IDEAL HANGOVER CURES

If you don't have the patience to mix a festive cocktail yourself, leave it to the experts. Award-winning bar **Lyaness** can deliver bottled versions of five of its most popular drinks, including its Rock Pool Sazerac and Strawberry Aperitivo.

*From £13 for a single serve to £50 for a bottle serving five. Available nationwide, [lyaness.myshopify.com](http://lyaness.myshopify.com)*

For the perfect fizz to pop at midnight on the 31st, it's got to be British. The Kent-based **Gusbourne Estate** has been producing award-winning wine



for the past decade, including some prime examples of sparkling wines. Try their crisp Brut Reserve (£39), or think pink with their delicious Twenty Sixteen Rosé (£49). [gusbourne.com](http://gusbourne.com)

**Bloody Drinks** have just launched the ideal hangover cure, the Bloody Mary Box, containing four pre-mixed cans, miniature Tabasco sauce bottles, Bloody Mary salt and a tin of Perello Picante olives and pickles. What was that you were saying about never drinking again?

*Bloody Mary Box, £20, [bloodydrinks.co.uk](http://bloodydrinks.co.uk)*



**Feast your eyes:**  
Lisa Goodwin-Allen's Christmas Box from the Northcote hotel

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**The luxurious one**

Tuck into a gourmet dinner from chef Lisa Goodwin-Allen, star of Great British Menu. Based at the Michelin-starred restaurant in luxury Lancashire hotel Northcote, she's put together an indulgent Christmas Box that will contain the likes of native lobster tortellini, a wreath of brioche, brie, turkey breast with trimmings and Christmas pudding layer cake. Serves four, £400.

*Available for nationwide delivery December 23 and for collection from the hotel on December 23 and 24, [northcote.com](http://northcote.com)*

**The Scottish one**

Indulge in a Christmas feast with Scottish flavour from Edinburgh restaurant Wedgwood. Its five-course menu features locally sourced Scottish ingredients, including smoked halibut and pheasant breast, and costs £125 for two. Additional selections from the in-cellar will also be available.

*Available for nationwide delivery December 18, 22 and 23. Edinburgh only delivery December 24. [wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk](http://wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk)*

**The stress-free one**

Want to prepare Christmas like a pro but don't know how to do it? Award-winning chef Adam Handling has created a festive menu box for up to four people – and if you want help he has included step-by-step videos, available with each kit. Your reward? Handling's cheese doughnuts, stuffed turkey crown or beef Wellington. Then wash it down with a bottle of Adam Handling's own-label English sparkling wine.

*The Christmas Hame Box, £250, [adamhandling.co.uk/hame](http://adamhandling.co.uk/hame) available for delivery until December 23*

**The Italian one**

Add some Italian flair to your festive meal with a seasonal box from Soho restaurant Manteca. They come in three sizes (from £60) but the 'whole hog' option (£150) includes a porchetta pork loin, tortellini, a selection of salumi, chicken liver parfait, Christmas pud, amaretti biscuits, and four brioche buns to make 'leftovers' sandwiches the day after.

*Available nationwide, order by December 18. [mantecarestaurant.co.uk](http://mantecarestaurant.co.uk)*



**The party one**

Big parties are out right now but that's not stopping Nico from helping you dive into the spirit with Christmas By Nico: Festive Party Experience available for delivery until tomorrow.

*From £40 per person, [home-x.com/products/e-eatery-festive-party-menu](http://home-x.com/products/e-eatery-festive-party-menu)*



**The pizza one**

Pizza Hut's Christmas pizza swerves turkey and swaps it for chicken, along with bacon and sage and onion stuffing on a rich red wine gravy base. At least you won't have to do any washing-up.

*Available nationwide, large size only, from £21 or as part of a £35 Christmas Feast deal. [pizzahut.co.uk](http://pizzahut.co.uk)*