

Enjoy the best this Christmas

Our experts have spent months tasting and testing to bring you recommendations for scrumptious festive feasting

Whether you're hosting the hordes or enjoying a more modest celebration, you'll want to enjoy the best food and drink on offer at Christmas. That's why our experts have been nibbling and sipping since summer so that we can recommend the very best.

Pies, puddings and desserts
Our panel got through 100 premium mince pies and more than eight kilos of premium Christmas puddings, judging each on appearance, aroma, taste and texture, to discover the best of these festive favourites.

You can find out which puddings topped our tests on p20. And the three mince pies (two of which are gluten-free and one that's also vegan) our experts recommend are on p18.

Want an alternative sweet treat to puddings and pies? You can find our food editors' top picks on p20. They spent four months sampling and scoring a selection of what the supermarkets are offering so we can recommend seven delicious desserts – including a selection that vegans can enjoy.

Turkey and vegetables

If you're catering for vegetarians and vegans, you can also find our recommendations for what to dish up for Christmas dinner on p26. There you'll also discover Which? members' top shops for turkey and trimmings alongside tips for buying and serving your festive bird.

Something to drink

Our experts compared more than 170 glasses of wine and fizz to find three Best Buy champagnes to suit every budget (p14), and three special occasion sparkling whites (p16), two of which will set you back less than £10. As with all our expert tastings, testing was done blind, so the panel had no idea whose wine they were sampling.

Our quest to find the best affordable reds for winter yielded three Best Buys from Sainsbury's, M&S and Co-op. Find out which foods these and our other top scorers go best with on p22. And if you want tasty canapés for your Christmas celebrations, turn to p16. ➔

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