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Top tips to stack racks for Christmas

Resistance is futile . . . Christmas and all its associated pleasures (and occasional frustrations) are just around the corner. Wine racks are, I expect, being stocked in readiness and I thought it might be an idea to identify some occasion appropriate wines to see you through the fun and fray.

I'm going to start by looking at 'all-rounders'; wines that you can serve to the masses at parties, which are great 'bring a bottle' and that will not blow the budget.



First pick is the Canapi Grillo 2010, Sicily (£6.49 Stevens Garnier, 47 West Way, Oxford 01865 263303). Grillo is native to Sicily and the wine is as sunny and bright as you might expect — think juicy peaches and nectarines.

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