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## word on wine

Hello Again! I hope you enjoyed the sparkling wine I recommended in the last edition of All Things Local (isn't it a brilliant local magazine!). As soon as the clocks go back and the earlier nights begin, it draws my attention to the next event on the calendar, Christmas. A time for family and friends to meet up and of course share a glass or two of wine together. There are couple of other traditional drinks at Christmas, sherry and port. I know my mother always offered visitors a glass of sherry at Christmas time. I personally prefer white port to sherry, it goes down especially well, when I am cooking the Christmas dinner.

I thought this month I would suggest something for you to drink after your Christmas meal.

I discovered d'Arenberg Fortified Shiraz, whilst on holiday in Masham, North Yorkshire. Masham was not somewhere I expected to find a wonderful wine shop, selling interesting wines. When we discovered the shop last year, it had only been open for two weeks. We wandered in and discovered an Aladdin's cave full of wine and very helpful and knowledgeable owners, Philip and Angela. Needless to say our Christmas wine shop came early that year. Both of us love Shiraz, so seeing a fortified Shiraz was enough to tempt us to buy a bottle. We saved it for Christmas day and decanted the wine, as it does have some sediment in the bottom. It was a truly wonderful wine.

Serve at room temperature decanted. It is ready for drinking now or it will store for the next 3-30 years. I like to drink it by itself or with a mature stilton and digestives, but this wine also goes well with rich cakes such as Christmas cakes and chocolate.



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Brand: d'Arenberg  
Type: 2004 Vintage  
Region: McLaren Vale, South Australia  
Grape: Shiraz  
Alcohol Strength: 17.5 %

The colour - Garnet red/black  
The bouquet - Ripe blackberry fruits, spice and liquorice, with a slight brandy smell.  
Flavour - Blueberry/blackberry, liquorice, anise and spice and a warming feel like brandy as you drink it.  
Price: £ 16.99.



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