



Gwyn Hyman Rubio, **Icy Sparks**

'During the winter, Matanni made different kinds of soup each week. This week she would be fixing butternut squash and apple cider soup.'

Mrs Dalby, hospitable as ever, wanted to make much more - "a bit o' dinner perhaps", but' it was too early in the day, so she would offer 'a mug of tea and a scone' instead.

James Herriot, All Things Bright and Beautiful

Margaret Atwood, Cat's Eye

At the table, Mr Banerji delighted in telling, again, the 'story of a turkey farm where the turkeys all died because they were too stupid to go into their shed during a thunderstorm. Instead they stood around outside, looking up at the sky with their beaks wide open -'

> Danielle Steel, The Promise

Jadie Smith, White Teeth "Does that seem enough?" Miss Townsend interrupted him, while presenting what she had concocted in just ten minutes: 'the promised pâté, a loaf of sourdough bread, a healthy hunk of Brie, three very ripe pears.' Her friend, whose name no-one managed to catch, followed behind her, carrying some flaky triangles of 'thin pastry with spiced beef inside'.

On the other side of the festive table, the wombats and the bears

Jane Burrell and Michael Dugan, Wombats Don't **Have Christmas**

Michael Bond, A Bear Called Paddington

cheered at the sweets. Papa wombat 'cut the cake. "Delicious fruitcake", he said, brushing crumbs from his fur.' Next to him, a bear called Paddington 'unlocked its suitcase with a small key, which it also had around its neck, and brought out an almost empty glass jar. "I ate marmalade", he said, rather proudly. "Bears like marmalade." The pastry chef had barely managed to keep some to the side for her orange and pistachio cakes! "That's funny," Winnie-the-Pooh thought,' because he preferred honey. He had already spotted the jar of honey that was left for him in the kitchen. "A full jar, full of honey right up to the top, and it had **HUNNY** written on it, so that I should know it was honey."

A. A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

What a festive mischief! And to round it off, 'Bad Harry took my naughty little sister out into the kitchen and they took chairs and climbed up to the larder shelf ... and Bad Harry showed my naughty little sister a lovely spongy trifle, covered with creamy stuff and with silver balls on the top'.

Dorothy Edwards, My Naughty Little Sister

Noel Streatfeild,

After the tea, 'gifts of all kinds were delivered... In those days the tradespeople with whom you dealt sent presents' and this occasion could not be different. 'A box of crystallized fruits or chocolates' from the kitchen.

A Vicarage Family



AMUSE BOUCHE

spiced butternut squash and apple cider soup

SAVOURIES

turkey breast and Connage gouda sandwich smoked salmon pâté crumpet brie, poached pear and walnut sandwich spiced beef pie

SCONES

Plain and fruit scones

SWEETS

stollen

pistachio and orange marmalade financier honey cake black forest trifle

AFTER-TEA

dark chocolate and crystallised fruit bonbons

TRADITIONAL 35 CHAMPAGNE 45

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SPARKING WINE

PROSECCO 'IL FRSCO' MILLESIMATO, VILLA SANDI

Fresh and soft with clear hints of ripe golden apple and pear, finished by hints of acacia

Glass 7.4 | Bt 42

PROSECCO ROSE, VILLA SANDI

Classy Prosecco Rosé with notes of peach, pear and wild strawberry.

Glass 7.4 | Bt 42

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A remarkable and noble Champagne house still under family ownership. Fresh fruity aromas such as pear and red apple lead to richer fresh bread notes and a touch of biscuit. The wine is aged for a minimum of 3 years in their cellars giving complexity and sophistication.

Glass 12 | Btl 72

JOSEPH PERRIER BRUT ROSE

Predominantly made from Pinot Noir with a touch of Cumières Rouge - a still wine made from Pinot Noir - this has delicate aromas of raspberries and blackcurrant alongside sensuous flavours of jam and marmalade.

Glass 13 | Btl 78

WHITE WINE

AIREN MACABEO, CRISTATUS, ALICANTE SPAIN

Soft and charming white with mango and juicy ripe peach on the palate.

175ml 6.4 | 250ml 9.3 | Btl 28

VIOGNIER, ROUTAS. FRANCE

Peach flavours dominate this lush white, which features honeydew melon and coconut notes, with hints of cumin on the textured finish.

175ml 7.3 | 250ml 10.5 | Btl 32

ROSE WINE

PROVENCE ROSE, CHATEAU ROUTAS. FRANCE

A vibrant, dry rose, with a nose of fresh strawberries, watermelon, peach and anise.

175ml 9 | 250ml 12 | Btl 36

WHISPERING ANGEL. COTES DE PROVENCE FRANCE

This pale pink rose wine has appealing floral light fruity aromas of strawberries, peaches and lemon zest.

Btl 56

Please ask your server for cocktail and perfect serve recommendations.