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## **CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING**

We all know Christmas is a time for giving and sharing the most intimate and memorable moments with loved ones. We also know about the stresses and strains most of us endure when planning and putting into action the shopping lists, dinner parties and cooking for relations. With all this in mind, when last did you give yourself a break, or want of a better word – a Christmas gift?

If you haven't spoilt yourself for Christmas, this might be the year to do so with The Vineyard at Stockcross offering truly indulgent festive breaks that may prove to be your most memorable one yet.

You could treat the family with Christmas spent in a luxury suite, relaxing beside a roaring log fire and everyone's needs being pampered. Or choose to rest on Christmas Day with lunch cooked by a 2 Michelin chef and served in a stylish restaurant. And you could tuck a little gift for yourself under the tree – anything from an exceptional bottle of wine, to a rejuvenating VinoTherapy treatment.

The Vineyard at Stockcross is a world class hotel which delivers a distinct ambience with an excellent reputation for food and wine, as well as unrivalled privacy in a five-star setting. This opulent hotel brings together the very best in delectable cuisine and rare wines to create an environment of utter decadence and gastronomy.

Their award winning wine list, of over 2000 international wines, is complimented by a 2 Michelin star restaurant, where guests may take the opportunity to dine privately, create their own menu with Executive Chef, John Campbell, or sample a la carte and tasting menus. The beauty here is that if you really fancy one of the fine bottles you can buy it from The Vineyard's well stocked cellar and take it home. Better still, buy it beforehand and have it under the tree to watch the delight in a loved one's eyes.

To add a touch of rejuvenation to your Christmas celebration, The Vineyard's boutique Spa is a world of calm with their multi-sensory treatments, TruffleTherapy, ChocoTherapy and VinoTherapy. Also known as the 'skin food for the connoisseur', these Signature Treatments fit in with the ethos of The Vineyard, and use organic and natural ingredients.

The Vineyard promises to spoil you with a variety of accommodation packages to suit your family's requirements. And you can see in 2008 by simply relaxing with a New Year's Eve cream tea, perhaps sampling a selection from an illustrious wine list, or counting down to midnight with Champagne and fireworks.

If you haven't taken a well deserved break from slaving for the family, Christmas 2007 is the year to do it. For a season of goodwill at The Vineyard at Stockcross, visit [www.the-vineyard.co.uk](http://www.the-vineyard.co.uk).

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