

# The Edinburgh Reporter Advent Calendar – Gifts for the Wine Lover – The Wine Experience



Now here is something a bit different! A gift voucher for a Wine Tasting Experience is something that your wine loving friends and family will really appreciate.

The Reporter spoke to Ian McNeill who owns [The Wine Experience](#) to find out more:-“My tutored wine tastings really are an experience and this led to the naming of my business. Everyone is completely involved in this tasting experience – just like professional wine tasters where we look, taste, discuss and learn – and I always encourage guests to ask questions.

We will look at the wine and see if it is fresh; nose the wine to recognise faults or see the pleasures to follow; then taste the wine and get the whole picture which is revealed with every premium wine tasted.

You may want to learn about food and wine matching, so my **Italian Wine Experience** or **The French Wine Experience** will have nibbles of hams and cheeses of the country to accompany the wines.

The big favourite Wine Experience for 2012 is going to be **The Chocolate and Wine Tasting Experience**. This will be an amazing evening of indulgence where calorie counting is forgotten completely!

You will taste some amazing luxury chocolates, mostly from organic sources and fair-trade sources. With many years of experience in selecting wines I am able to bring out the best in pairing these with the most amazing chocolates.”

And a couple of Ian's really special gift suggestions for Christmas giving?

☒ *"The rather special Champagne in a silk lined quality box together with 6 hand made chocolates will be seen as the gift that a lot of thought has been put into.*

*Free delivery in Edinburgh or £8.00 for delivery outwith the area. Cost is just £49.00 for this quality Champagne and hand made Belgian chocolates in a silk lined luxury box*

*I was keeping this rather special Chilean Fresita rose ☒ wine as a surprise for Valentine's Day, but word has got out and everyone wants it for Christmas.*

*Complete with 6 hand made Belgian chocolates in a silk lined luxury box for just £29.95 with free delivery in Edinburgh with this offer, otherwise £8.00 for delivery outwith the area."*

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Customers can also purchase an open gift voucher where the recipient then books a Wine Experience of their choice.

***The complete list of dates for Wine Experiences are :-***

***January 13 The French Wine Experience***

***January 20 The Italian Wine Experience***

***☐February 3 New World Red Wine Experience***

***February 10 Food & Wine Matching Experience***

***February 24 The champagne Experience (£49.00)***

***☐March 2 Cheese and Wine Matching Experience***

***March 9 The Spanish Wine Experience***

***March 30 The Chocolate and Wine Experience***

***April 13 The Italian Wine Experience***

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