

Forever Picking

Snacks inspired by the seasons. This stems from my recollection of being in the garden with my mother and picking anything that was edible.

Any Favourites at Christmas

Beef, Onion, Turnip

You ask any chef what their favourite food is, and they will take you on a trip down memory lane. I will always remember Pierre Koffmann eating his steak tartare with a very crisp baguette and a fried egg. What's your favourite treat at this time of year?

Making & Breaking

The comfort and satisfaction I get from making and eating bread stems from a long journey with many memories along the way. To me, it means comfort, satisfaction, sharing, connection, love and of course the joy you receive from the actual eating of bread.

The Golden Egg

Egg, Truffle, Root veg

Where greed leads to a great loss, A farmer discovers his goose lays one golden egg each day. When his greed consumes him, he tries to get all the golden eggs at once, only to find nothing, never put all your golden eggs in one basket.

Just Around the Corner

Sprouts, Bread Sauce, Bacon

They say that Christmas is just around the corner, this is Tom's interpretation of the first taste of Christmas.



Worth the Wait, Even at Christmas

Scallop, grains, salsify

Scallops grow very fast in their first few years, even increasing by 80%. Some are 4-5 years old by the time they are caught; the extralarge scallops can be up to 20 years! Containing one's excitement for the magic to happen even at Christmas can be tested.

Patience is a Virtue

Turbot, Kohlrabi, Champagne

Learning to be patient can be very difficult, and one I've had to battle throughout my career! The Dover Sole has a surprisingly long-life span of 58 years, and we only use those caught aged 13 to 17: patience is therefore a must, even more so over Christmas, especially on present opening.

Wishful Thinking

Venison, Cabbage, Quince

We all dream of many things over Christmas, these lovely beasts come from the beautiful Aynhoe Park Estate's green parkland in Oxfordshire, the same county where I also do all my foraging, maybe we will see a few of them flying overhead on Christmas eve.

A White Out

Rum, Nutmeg, White Chocolate

When ever there is a white out and you are locked inside, you always hope you have the right ingredients at home, we definitely have.

Don't Ever Change

Ginger, Blackberry, Custard

It's the special treat that you have been waiting for , it only truly comes around once a year, there are many variations, and everyone claims theirs is the best, long live the traditions of Christmas, as we all need them .