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5 collector cars that could be your Christmas tree this week

LeadWith a Christmas tree made from these five crackers, who needs presents underneath? But which one of these green greats would you take for a festive drive first?

Perfection perfected





The Ferrari 550 is highly coveted by those who have experienced just what a great GT car it is. The V12 2-seat grand tourer will traverse you across countries with ease. It's pre-2000 feel is engaging, rewarding when hustled and this 1998 Verde Zeltweg over beige leather example is as good as it gets. 114,000kms on the odometer mean you can use this car with no guilt. Just enjoy one of Ferraris modern classics.

Champagne shopping cart





We love a shooting brake, and this 1937 Bentley 4 ½ 'woodie' is pure opulence. Once owned by car enthusiast and Mulberry founder, Roger Saul, can you think of a better way to drive to down to the Champagne region with three of your friends for a weekend of indulgence. Comprehensively restored on the early 2000s and then used as a vineyard tour and champagne delivery vehicle, this is perfect for Christmas family fun.

The Unicorn





This factory owned Geneva show car has covered just 300 miles from new and is the desirable CarbonSport model with its green tinted carbon body. Noble cars are pure analogue, so if you want a F40, Carrera GT experience without the huge investment this LHD 2018 Noble M600 is a great Christmas treat to yourself. Power comes from a twinturbo V8 so, if you buy it, please use it as intended!

The great value Italian





While the Alfa 105 chassis has pole vaulted in value the Lancia Fulvia with its rally credentials continues to remain at sensible money. This Verde Cascine over tan example has had a recent light restoration in the UK and was originally supplied to Syracuse in Sicily, home to its own Grand Prix between the '50s and '60s. Who knows, perhaps the original owner was a racing driver in period! Needless to say, this 1975 example enjoyed its dry Mediterranean life and is ready for more adventures.

Motoring nirvana





The Lotus Elise S1 is already getting a lot of attention from collectors who continue to seek that pure connection between machine and road. Small and lightweight just as Colin Chapman would have wished, this dry use, single family owned, 1,400 mile example is virtually as new. So, this Christmas, don't follow the herds, get out there and invest in a car you can enjoy that will make you feel alive and will probably be a safer place to put your money than Bitcoin.

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