

SEVEN BOOZY GIFT IDEAS

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The West Coast is a hot spot for finding exceptional boozy gifts with sparkle, style and plenty of charm.

'Tis the season for gift guides and end-of-year lists. I am piling on with my own guide to the best bubbles, cocktails and spirit-forward beverages that can be delivered or hand-carried to someone's door. I could not sample every item on this list (noted below), but have tasted most. While my palate is not the same as yours, I stand behind my picks as delicious and exciting options to gift to anyone on your list.

Five Boozy Gifts



I admit that I am a sucker for anything grown in Napa's Stag's Leap AVA and the Baldaccis have 17 acres there, planted mostly to the region's most famous grape, Cabernet Sauvignon. Fermented in small individual lots from 100% estate-grown grapes, the 100% Cabernet Sauvignon 2019 expresses a natural richness from the grape's long hang time, balanced acidity and structure from medium-toast French oak, and smooth tannins. It slides across the palate with flavors of strawberry and plum and finishes strong. It's an intense wine with the ability to age or drink now to honor the turning of the seasons. **\$110**