

Our holiday gift list

For a wine connoisseur

Each of these picks comes from a name wine lovers will appreciate and from a stellar year for winemaking in Tuscany.

- 2006 Monte Antico Toscano (\$10) Consistently a top value Italian red, it's quaffable, with soft tannins and red fruit.
- 2006 Félsina Chianti Classico (\$22) Félsina delivers a ripe, drinkable wine with a firm tannic structure and a mixture of red and black fruits.
- 2006 Talenti Rosso di Montalcino (\$30) The name "Talenti" carries weight with connoisseurs. This is a great "baby brunello" that's plush, ripe, and oh so seductive.



For a tree hugger

These selections are made by houses that use environmentally sound methods. And they taste great, too.

- 2007 Bonterra Viognier Mendocino/Lake Counties California (\$13) The Bonterra Viognier is an unctuous yet lively white with exuberant floral aromas.
- 2006 Domaine Drouhin Willamette Valley Pinot Noir Oregon (\$45) This pinot noir is produced with solar energy. It's well balanced with notes of cherry and a crisp acidity.
- 2006 Chapoutier Châteauneuf du Pape La Bernardine (\$50) Chapoutier is one of the most dynamic French winemakers. Proof? This luscious, well-structured, and organically made Grenache-dominant Châteauneuf du Pape.

—Wine picks by Lettie Teague

For a host or hostess

These interesting wines from around the world can be enjoyed any time—noon or night. Lively and refreshing, they make good conversation starters, too.

- 2008 Babich Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (\$12) A consistent example of the zesty, citrusy, juicy sauvignon blancs from New Zealand's Marlborough region.
- 2006 Raventós

Reserva Rosé Cava (\$23) Rich, complex, and creamy, this Cava bursts with fruit and easily matches a wide range of food.

- 2007 William Fèvre Chablis Montée de Tonnerre (\$35) This premier cru Chablis, from a first-rate house, has notes of mineral and green apple.

For a kosher friend

Although gifts are not widely exchanged at Hanukkah, a bottle of wine is a welcome addition to any celebration.

- 2007 Golan Heights Chardonnay Galilee Yarden (\$17) The Golan Galilee, from one of the first truly modern wineries in Israel, is a full-bodied wine with lush tropical fruit.
- 2007 Goose

- Bay Pinot Noir Marlborough New Zealand (\$21) This winery produces light-bodied pinot with vibrant acidity and strawberry notes.
- 2007 Covenant Red C (\$42) It's an accessible world-class wine with fairly soft tannins and notes of spice and currants.