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GIFT-GIVING 101

Our editors sound off on the perfect presents for the holidays.



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"The holidays give wine drinkers license to break out the good stuff. My wine gift recipients fall into two

categories: those who appreciate the refined, and those who just want something red or white. Never mix the two." —**VIRGINIE BOONE**, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

1. JCB NO. 3 PINOT NOIR (\$123/750 ml, *jeancharlesboisset.com*) As flamboyant as its creator, this Pinot Noir is sourced from two continents, showcasing the best of what California and Burgundy can do, using 60% Russian River Valley fruit and 40% from the Côte de Nuits.

2. MARGRIT MONDAVI'S SKETCHBOOK: REFLECTIONS ON WINE, FOOD, ART, FAMILY, ROMANCE AND LIFE (Jennifer Barry Design, 2012) (\$35, *robertmondivivinery.com*) For anyone on your list who loves a good memoir, this release from last summer is a beautiful look back at life with Robert from the Napa Valley's grande dame.

3. JEAN DUBOST LAGUIOLE STAG HORN WAITER STYLE CORKSCREW (\$150, *wineenthusiast.com*) If you need it to open wine, it had better be Laguiole. Complete with a foil-cutting knife, this corkscrew's handle is made from naturally shed stag's horn.

4. WINE STRAWS (\$2.99 for four; \$7.99 for 12, *winestraws.com*) The

brainchild of a red-wine lover who hated to see her teeth change color after drinking, these handy straws prevent dental stains and lipstick marks on your glass.



"After too many failed attempts at practical gifts, I now look for art, wine and gift certificates. I want to learn to play "On the Sunny Side of the Street," so I'm hoping for a harmonica." —**ROGER VOSS**, EUROPEAN EDITOR

1. SILENT 28-BOTTLE TOUCH-SCREEN WINE REFRIGERATOR (\$299.95, *wineenthusiast.com*) While you watch college bowl games

and plot your custom wine cellar, keep a bottle per game cool in this handy 28-bottle wine fridge. Its touchscreen features make it a perfect gift for the tech-savvy wino.

2. ARTISTE IMPRESSIONIST WINERY'S RED-BLEND DUO PACK (\$80/two-bottle pack, *artiste.com*) Make an impression on the eyes and the palate with this duet of wine bottles featuring Donna Talerico's "Vive les Chapeaux" original paintings.

3. PERRIER-JOUËT 2004 BELLE ÉPOQUE ROSÉ (\$350/750 ml, *perrier-jouet.com*) See the holidays through rose-colored glasses. This beautifully packaged vintage Champagne by Perrier-Jouët is for your very best Facebook friend.

