

■ COLUMBUS FOOD & WINE

LIGHTS TWINKLE. FESTIVITIES ABOUND. AS YOUR 2012 HOLIDAY PARTY CIRCUIT KICKS OFF, WE HAVE ARMED YOU WITH OUR **TOP 10 HOSTESS GIFTS** FOR THE FOOD LOVERS IN YOUR LIFE. AND WE'VE PROVIDED LUXURY FOR EVERY BUDGET. BY CAROLE AMBER

Under \$100

Hubbell & Hudson Texas State Fare Gift Basket: \$85

A savory treat from Texas, this Hubbell & Hudson basket is our pick for the sports fan in your life. Great for an entertainer, this gift is filled with chips, dips, rubs, barbeque sauces and spicy salsas. Available at hubbellandhudson.com.



Veuve Clicquot & Godiva Gift Set: \$79.99

For a dash of elegance, this Demi-Sec Champagne paired with 19 pieces of ganache, truffle and dark chocolate will delight any palate. With a touch of citrus sweetness, this Champagne is ideal for dessert. Available at wine.com.



Pistacia Vera Holiday Signature Collection: \$70.50

Located in Columbus, Ohio, Pistacia Vera produces some of the finest quality delicacies nationwide. Their Holiday Signature Collection offers seasonal Parisian macarons, classic palmiers, pate de fruit, pistachio honey nougat, French butter shortbread and bittersweet chocolate bon bons. Available on PistaciaVera.com.



Teavana PerfectTea Essentials Collection: \$69.95

Warm up your party host with 60 cups of tea. Equipped with a 16 ounce PerfectTea maker, German rock sugar, a PerfectTea teaspoon, and four tins of Teavana's Morning Mate, Strawberry Lemonade, Fruta Bomba green tea and Rooibos Chai tea, this gift set will soothe your tea drinker all winter long. Available at teavana.com.



The Filling Station Oil 8-Pack Sampler: \$59.95

One of our favorite stops in the Chelsea Market in Manhattan, The Filling Station, offers organically sourced, all-natural extra virgin olive and specialty oils. Your host will be set for the coming year with Walnut Oil and White Truffle, Hojiblanca, Blood Orange, Lemon, Persian Lime, Chipotle and Tuscan Herb Extra-Virgin Olive Oils in this 8-Pack Sampler. Available at tfsnyc.com/gifts.



Under \$25



The Filling Station NYC 4-Pack of Gourmet Salts: \$24.95

Gourmet salts are an easy way to add an extra layer of flavor to your culinary creations. For those who lean on the side of gourmet, this 4-pack allows your hosts to have more fun in the kitchen. Includes Merlot, Cyprus Flake, Rosemary and Himalayan Pink Rock Salt. Available at tfsnyc.com/gifts.



Oilerie Simplicite Balsamic Vinegar: \$22.70

Known as America's olive oil bar, the Oilerie recently opened a location in Grandview, Ohio. Offering tastes of extra-virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegars, this store allows customers to try before they buy. Simplicite, a 25-year-old Modenese balsamic, comes with a built-in pour spout, box and card. Available at the Grandview location, 1409 Grandview Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43212.



Ghirardelli Hot Chocolate Assortment: \$20

Premium hot chocolate is a lovely indulgence. In this Ghirardelli sampler, your hosts can enjoy up to 60 cups of steamy chocolate hazelnut, chocolate mocha and double chocolate cocoa. Available at shop.ghirardelli.com.

Pistacia Vera Holiday Macaron Gift Box: \$15

For hosts with a sweet tooth, Pistacia Vera's Holiday Macaron Gift Box offers a taste of the holidays. Freshly made meringue and buttercream sandwiches brilliantly showcase their seasonal flavors like Gingerbread, Caramel Pecan with Fleur de Sel, Orange Chestnut, Lemon Pinenut, Black Walnut Marsala Fig and Madagascar Bourbon Vanilla Bean. Available at pistaciavera.com.



Dean & DeLuca Italian Spice Stack: \$15

Spices add depth and interest to slow cooked meats, stews, pastas, salads, grilled breads and all wintertime cooking. This Italian Spice Stack is an attractive display of basil, oregano, rosemary and thyme. Perfect for any host that cooks. Available at deananddeluca.com.

