

# imbibe

LIQUID CULTURE

*Indulge!*

*Celebrate  
the season  
with rich,  
decadent cocktails.*

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EGGNOG CAKE | CREAM OF COCONUT COCKTAILS  
SLOE GIN | THE MOKA POT'S ENDURING APPEAL



# 2021 Holiday Gift Guide

## ◀◀ KIKUMARU KYUSU TEAPOT

Traditional for brewing Japanese green teas, kyusu teapots feature a side handle originally developed for making



## Spirits

### 135 EAST HYOGO DRY JAPANESE GIN

Perfect for fans of unusual gins, this spirit combines traditional London dry botanicals with Japanese ingredients, such as yuzu, shiso leaf, and sansho pepper. It's wonderfully aromatic and flavorful, and equally delicious sipped solo or mixed in a Martini or Gin & Tonic. **\$37.99, totalwine.com**

### SOTOL LOS MAGOS

Guide agave spirits fans off the traditional tequila and mezcal path with Los Magos, which offers a taste of another indigenous Mexican beverage: sotol. The expressive spirit is made from the cooked hearts of wild *Dasyliion* plants grown in the Chihuahuan desert, and sings with notes of soft clay, fresh-cut grass, and rainwater. **\$59.99, shop.losmagossotol.com**

### MR. BLACK COFFEE AMARO

A new release from Australian coffee liqueur makers Mr. Black, the coffee amaro is a match made in heaven, with the bittersweet flavors of arabica beans layering harmoniously with botanicals like citrus peel and gentian root. Rich, roasty, and bittersweet, the amaro is delicious both sipped solo or mixed. **\$59.99, mrblack.co**

### SUPERGAY SPIRITS VODKA

Queer-owned Supergay Spirits uses 100 percent organic corn and coconut charcoal filtration to craft the brand's signature vodka, distilled in upstate New York. The "farm to disco" vodka balances its rich texture with notes of sweet grass and minerality. A percentage of each bottle sold supports LGBTQI+ organizations. **\$37.99, supergayspirits.com**

### NANKAI GOLD KOKUTO SHOCHU

Nankai Gold is crafted from a blend of shochu single-distilled from 80 percent black sugar and 20 percent rice on Okinawa's Amami Island—home to one of Nankai's co-founders. Finished in American white oak and French Limousin casks, this smooth shochu is light-bodied, with notes of earthy, tropical fruit and raisiny, brandy-like depths. Perfectly paired with just rocks, Nankai Gold hits an Old Fashioned out of the park. **\$65.99, hitimewine.net**

### VIRGINIA DISTILLERY COURAGE & CONVICTION CUVÉE CASK AMERICAN SINGLE MALT WHISKY

Following the 2020 debut of their American single malt, Virginia Distillery expanded the range with solo bottlings of their three core cask types. The Cuvée Cask features the distillery's single malt matured a minimum of three years in red-wine casks sourced from European winemakers; the used casks are broken down, shaved, then toasted and charred before being assembled and filled with whisky. The result is a robust malt with flavors of toasted pecans, cocoa, and winter spice, with accents of ginger, citrus, and red-fruit jam. **\$84.99, vadistillery.com**



## ↑↑ MOLINILLO WHISK AND HOT CHOCOLATE CLAY JUG

Hand-turned and carved from a single piece of alder wood by artisans in Mexico, this molinillo is a beautiful way to whisk a batch of hot chocolate in the accompanying clay jug, which can be used directly on a heat source. **Molinillo: \$22, Clay Jug: \$50, verveculture.com**

## BITE SOCIETY TEA

Curating unique and local Northwest home base, Bite Society gift baskets with sass. It includes all the fixings from lavender Earl Grey jam. **\$89, hellobitesoci.com**



## ↑↑ VAHDAM TEA ADVENT CALENDAR

Wake up to a new cup of tea every morning, from Masala Chai to Himalayan Green, with this advent calendar from Vahdam India, who source their loose-leaf teas directly from farmers. **\$59.99, vahdamteas.com**



## ◀◀ SEASHELL BURLAP NAPKIN SET

Founded by two best friends, Atelier Saucier relies on sustainably sourced materials for their attractive line of Los Angeles-made home goods. The brand's four-piece Seashell Burlap set features a playful pop of geometric color along the border for serious happy hour style. **\$66, ateliersaucier.la**

## BEACH MEGA MUG

This aptly named mug from New York-based ceramicist Helen Levi holds a whopping 24 ounces of liquid, perfect for your favorite big gulper. Part of Levi's beach series, the slip-cast mug's dramatic exterior is the result of three different stonewares marbled together. Each mug emerges unique, making it one to treasure. **\$78, helenlevi.com**



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