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Holiday Gift Guide



FOR...WELL, US, OF COURSE!

Artful Winemaker Personal Winemaking System

THERE are few things in this world that we love more than a nice bottle of wine. (Can we get an amen?!) That is until we learned how to make a bottle of wine! For the boozier or party hostess among us, Artful Winemaker's Personal Winemaking System brings the vineyard experience into your kitchen in a nearly foolproof kit. In just 28 days, the newly minted winemaker in your life can craft up to 12 bottles of cabernet/shiraz, chardonnay, merlot, pinot grigio or noir and even riesling. The step-by-step directions and instructional DVD help ease any newbie nerves, and, unlike many kitchen gadgets today, the kit is easy to clean and store. Cheers to that!

\$99 (special holiday pricing); artfulwinemaker.com



FOR THE HOST(ESS) WITH THE MOST(EST)

iHome iP76 Color-Changing Tower Stereo Speaker System

MAKE an impression this holiday season with this fully functional (and totally rocking) stereo speaker that doubles as a three-foot-high piece of art! It can be personalized to show off its true colors (not just red and green) by pulsing to Gaga's beat or launching into a full strobe effect (for kikis that kick ass!). The iP76 can stream music from almost any Bluetooth-enabled device or charge iPhones and iPods in its dock—you'll need a special adapter from Apple to dock iPhone 5, but you can use its Bluetooth—and the sound is consistent with all of iHome's quality products. This bad boy can also send video content from your device to your television via its built-in video outputs—but you may need a special kind of elf to help you with that (because it took us a minute). Most importantly, the sound is oh-so-sweet!

\$200; ihomeaudio.com

FOR THE RETRO RINGER

VTech Retro Phone

STEP away from the smartphone and check out *this* phone! Believe it or not, landlines have not completely gone the way of dinosaurs and Amanda Bynes' acting career, and thankfully VTech has an eye for good design when it comes to handsets. Because everything old eventually becomes new again, the LS6195 looks like it hopped right out of a '60s flick—but thankfully with modern technology. The phone has both cordless and speakerphone options as well as voice mail, but what we're really impressed with is the touch of green VTech has used, as in power-conserving technology when in ECO mode. Hear that? It's Mother Earth calling to say thanks for a sensible yet stylish gift.

\$60; vtechphones.com



FOR THE FASHIONISTA

Jones Katami Vintage Accessories

IF YOU'RE looking for a gift that's as unique as the man in your life, these handcrafted fashion accessories for his wrist just may be your answer. Each piece is individually made from real stones and vintage objects discovered by the company's founders and constructed into a wholly individual accessory—no two pieces are alike! You can peruse the hundreds of designs on their website to see if there's something that just screams, "That's my man!" Or if you see something you like but would prefer a specific stone or a different shape or size, you can contact Jones Katami directly, and they'll customize whatever you want for no extra charge! Special-order a piece by December 10th and they'll guarantee shipment for the Christmas holiday.

\$75-\$350; joneskatami.com or in-store at LASC, West Hollywood

