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## The greatest gifts ever for foodies

From soup to nuts: 10 gifts for your favorite gourmand

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### The finest vino Italian Wine Merchants Wine of the Month Club Starting at \$339 for three months

"A good wine club forces a person to broaden his portfolio," says Mark Oldman, author of *Oldman's Guide to Outsmarting Wine*.

That said, some stores use clubs to get rid of excess inventory. So ask for a list of last year's offerings and check it against something like Hugh Johnson's *Pocket Wine Book* before signing up your oenophile.



Oldman likes the club run by New York City's Italian Wine Merchants (212-473-2323). The store - co-owned by chef Mario Batali - carries many wines not sold anywhere else in the U.S.

Club members get three rare bottles a month, a newsletter and a guide to Italian wine.