

The Best Christmas Gifts To Buy For Your Foodie Friends

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TWG's Joy of Christmas Tea Macarons / Photo Credit: TWG Tea

We know, we know, gift-giving is hard! That's why we're here to make your lives easier with this list of sometimes quirky, other times inventive gifts you can get for your foodie friends. Forget about run-of-the-mill body lotions and handcreams, if you really want your Christmas gifts to be remembered, the way to someone's heart is *always* through their stomachs.



T2's Luscious Goes Leafy Tea Set for one

T2 Tea's Teaware and Accessories

This festive season at T2, it's all about drawing inspiration from Mother Nature. Their collection of Christmas teaware and accessories includes a Luscious Goes Leafy Tea Set (\$160, pictured), which includes a teapot, saucer, tea cup and loose leaf tea infuser – all for the lucky one to enjoy the entire experience of the brew. This botanical porcelain teaware designed by London-based illustrator Katie Scott makes a luxurious gift for any afternoon tea aficionado, with other verdant patterns available in the series to choose from. For more casual tea-lovers, purchase the Gold Pineapple Teapot (\$100), a fanciful teapot shaped into a giant pineapple that will definitely be the centerpiece of any dining table.

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TWG's Joy of Christmas Tea Chocolate Bonbons / Photo Credit: TWG Tea

TWG Tea's Limited Edition Macarons and Chocolate Bonbons

Homegrown brand TWG Tea is renowned for their exquisite blends, so it's only natural that receiving any of their tins of tea as a gift would make one delighted. This Christmas, however, change it up by gifting their gourmet sweet treats instead. Their limited edition Joy of Christmas Tea Macarons (available in boxes of 6, 12 or 24 at \$12, \$24 or \$48) are made with snow-white almond shells topped with edible gold leaf, and sandwiched between is a velvety ruby-red filling infused with spiced fruits and pineapple – an exotic twist on traditional macarons. Also available is their Joy of Christmas Tea Chocolate Bonbons (\$28 for a box of 14), infused with TWG's special Christmas tea and a luxurious dark chocolate ganache carrying hints of spiced fruits.

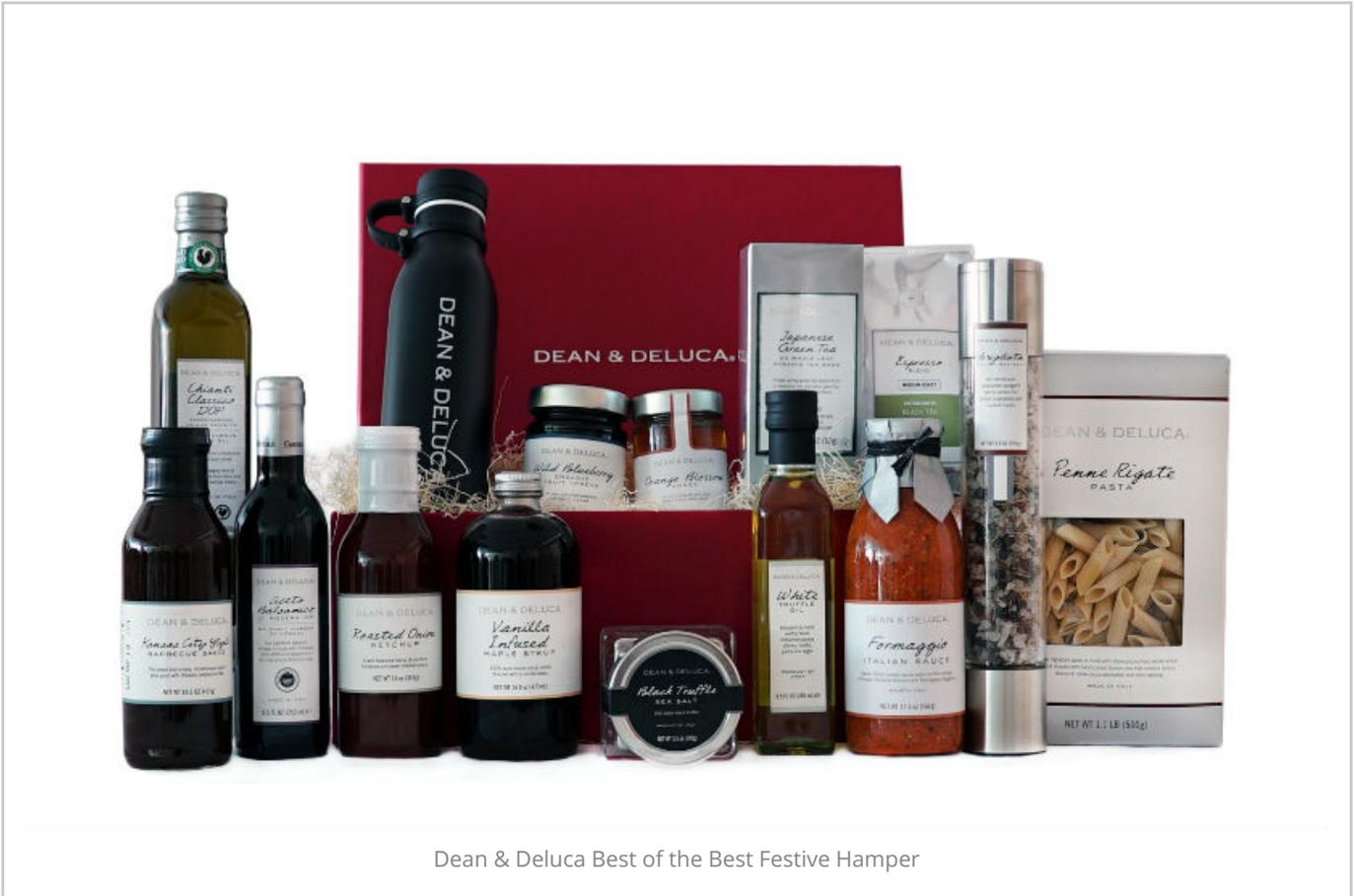
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Batu Lesung Spice Company's Chef Set

Batu Lesung (malay for mortar and pestle) is an artisanal spice company that specialises in pastes made without MSG, preservatives or flavour enhancers. For most of us who lack the time (or patience) to painstakingly make rempah or curry paste the traditional way, Batu Lesung's spice pastes are a convenient method for us to enjoy the authentic taste of Southeast Asian flavours we know and love. This Christmas, they offer a Chef Set (\$80) that includes a half apron, tea towel, 3 packets of paste and a set of recipe cards, the perfect gift for budding chefs or homecooks. Their tea towels are 100% linen and hand-dyed with black tea, with a loop attached for convenience in drying and storing, while the half aprons are made from calico and hand-dyed with henna, logwood and black tea, embroidered with a unique hand stitch. They have loose front pockets for easy access to kitchen and craft tools. The spice pastes include the Classic Curry, aromatic Rendang Rempah and a mouth-watering Panggang BBQ Marinade.

Purchase online [here](#).



Dean & DeLuca Best of the Best Festive Hamper

Dean & DeLuca's Best Of The Best Festive Hamper

There's something for everyone this season with Dean & DeLuca's curated festive hampers. From sweets to savouries to rarely-found imports, these hampers will spread joy and festive cheer wherever they go. Their Dean & DeLuca Best of the Best Hamper (\$388) is exactly as its name claims, with 16 of their top-selling house-brand items such as the vanilla-infused 100% pure maple syrup, white truffle oil, orange blossom honey – and more. Other Christmas hampers are also available for a range of budgets.

Shop the festive hampers online [here](#); dine-in at Dean & DeLuca at 181 Orchard Road, #01/09/10/15 Orchard Central, Singapore 238896 and other outlets islandwide. Tel: +65 6509 7708



Macallan's Edition No. 3 – a limited edition whisky

The Macallan Edition No. 3

What's Christmas without some raucous, booze-soaked merry-making? Bring this bottle of Macallan Edition No. 3 whisky (\$190) to any Christmas potluck and you'll instantly be the life of the party. The Edition No. 3 is a collaboration between Macallan master whisky maker Bob Dalargno and master perfumer Roja Dove – which means taste and aroma are equally balanced in this bottle of barley-gold goodness. With an ABV of 48.3%, the Edition No. 3 leads with notes of vanilla ice cream, fresh cut oak, delicate florals and fruit cake. Rich flavours of orange oil, ginger, cinnamon and nutmeg warm the palate, while the subtle sweetness of chocolate, crisp green apple and apricot make the finish long and fruity. This is the perfect swig to ring in the festive cheer.

The Macallan Edition No. 3 is available for purchase at 1855 The Bottle Shop, Oaks Cellar and Olde Cuban, with various locations islandwide.



Godiva's Holiday Assorted Chocolate Gift Box (available in 4, 10, 18, 30 and 42 pcs per box)

Godiva's Limited Edition Christmas Collection

Chocolates are often a good go-to gift for those who are apprehensive about buying something 'riskier'. And if we're talking about chocolate, Godiva is a brand synonymous with top-shelf quality. Their Holiday Assorted Chocolate Gift Box (\$55 for 10 pcs) is filled with chocolates from their Petit Four collection, with flavours like pistachio and lemon coconut; their Christmas childhood characters collection, with chocolates shaped like a penguin, snowman or Santa Claus, and more. For the little ones, you can find chocolate boxes shaped as a rocking horse (\$40), bear (\$52), Christmas stocking (\$38), or even a Christmas tree shaped pouch (\$35) – so cute you might even keep them for yourself.

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Modernist Bread: Lean Bread / Photo Credits: Modernist Cuisine

Modernist Bread (6-Volume Set) by Nathan Myhrvold & Francisco Migoya

Since Modernist Cuisine exploded onto the culinary scene with their first volume of cookbooks in 2011, it has been called many things – “the cookbook to end all cookbooks”, “the world’s most beautiful cookbook”, and even a “manifesto”. Their latest publication is ‘Modernist Bread’ – which, as the title implies, is all about the art and science behind gluten structures, rising dough, and so much more. Their bread-making techniques and recipes span skill levels from “absolute beginner” to advanced sections titled “making tortillas with nixtamalized grain”. But if you think it’s all recipes and baking, think again. Modernist Bread takes you on a trek through the history of bread, the economics of grain and agriculture, health claims, debunking myths, and amazing discoveries the team at Modernist Cuisine made while conducting over 1,600 experiments with bread and dough. Priced at a hefty \$962.77, it’s definitely not a gift to be taken lightly – but for those who are serious about their bread, this will be the ultimate baking bible.

Purchase online [here](#) or [here](#).



atomi's copper tumblers / Photo credits: atomi

atomi's Copper Tumblers (Set of two)

atomi occupies a prime store locale along Orchard Road, and they are purveyors of Japan-made lifestyle products that are stylish and effortless. They have furniture, homeware, apparel, food items and more. This Christmas, they have a Copper tumbler (\$128, box of two) gift set that comes in a minimalist wooden gift box, ideal for any home bar collection. Copper has excellent thermal conductivity and looks amazing to boot, but if you're wondering what to fill it up with, why not pick up atomi's in-house coffee blend (\$15)? Made from Brazilian and Guatemalan coffees, their blend has a predominantly chocolate-y taste with a hint of raisin, and you can add your preferred condiments to make it a perfect brew, like unsalted butter (in replacement of milk) or cinnamon (in replacement of sugar).

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Morozoff's Christmas Collection

Morozoff Japan's Christmas Cookies

Japanese confectionery brand Morozoff first opened in 1931 on the shopping district of Kobe, and they're widely credited with popularising the association between Valentine's Day and chocolate gifting in Japan. Well-known for their smooth chocolates, crunchy cookies, buttery-soft financiers and madeleines, Morozoff's goods are air-flown directly from their home country. Their Christmas Feuillage (\$15) is a delicate, leaf-shaped cookie with a layer of luscious chocolate sandwiched between, while their Christmas Odette (\$25 for 12 assorted pieces) consists of fragrant vanilla and chocolate cookies.

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EC Proof's Rum Old Fashioned Gift Set

EC Proof's Holiday Gift Sets

EC Proof is the name behind well-known watering holes Crackerjack, 28 HongKong Street, Junior and Proof & Company Spirits. This Christmas, they're releasing a holiday collection gift set with four different options for those who are well-versed in making cocktails or just looking to dabble. Our pick is the **Gin & Tonic Gift Set** (\$150), which includes the Citadelle Original Gin, East Imperial Burma Tonic 4-pack, and 2 Alto-ball glasses. It's everything you need to make the perfect G&T. If your friends and loved ones prefer other spirits, the **Rum Old Fashion Gift Set** (\$250) will be perfect for them. It includes the Diplomatico Reserva Exclusiva Rum, Scrappy's Chocolate Bitters, Calabrese Mixing Glass, 400mm Gold Bar Spoon and 2 Koto Rocks glasses. Every gift set comes in a stylish, hand-made black lacquer box.

Purchase online [here](#) or at 43A HongKong Street, The Proof Flat, Singapore 059682. Tel: +65 8228 0113



Botanical soaps from P.S.Cafe

P.S.Cafe's Fine Soap Giftbox

Brunch favourite P.S.Cafe has introduced a line of botanical soaps (\$99 for a set of three), each named for different times of the day. All soaps are made by combining edible ingredients with extracts like pure aloe and Japanese camellia sinensis. Wake up in the morning to 9.30, which includes fresh notes of magnolia, geranium, and grapefruit, while the 4.31 acts as a perfect afternoon pick-me-up with spearmint, cucumber, tonka bean, bergamot and fig nectar. Waning into the night, the 11.52 is a rush of spicy mystery that includes frankincense, amber and guaic wood. The entire set comes in a sleek black giftbox tied with a ribbon.

Purchase online [here](#).

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Food and the written word are central tenets of Kylie's life. Why not combine the two? Outside of those interests, she spends a majority of her time pursuing her decade-long obsession with pop culture and living vicariously through celebrity instagram feeds.

