

Sweet treats from Paris, and meat-eat



Gourmandise Paris dragees, Dior Joaillerie Milly Carnivora ring.

ALMOND JOIE * Gourmandise Paris (www.gourmandiseparis.com), a family-run confiserie that opened its first shop 45 years ago on Paris' rue du Renard, now has a U.S. boutique in Beverly Hills. The company specializes in party favors featuring custom-colored dragees made with almonds from Sicily that are coated with French chocolate and a

thin layer of sugar. . . . The London-based Fortnum & Mason (www.fortnum-mason-usa.com) also introduced its foods to the United States this year, centuries after first opening for business in 1705. Fortnum & Mason's \$375 Christmas Tea Hamper, containing spiced macarons, bone-china mugs, and Christmas cards, is available through the company's web site, which launched in October. The company has yet to announce the location and opening of its first U.S. store. . . .

GARDEN VARIETY Dior Joaillerie Milly Carnivora collection (212.931.2950) comprises bejeweled earrings, and pendants displaying different designs based on carnivorous plants. The flowers are made of 18-karat gold, painted with acid-green, fuchsia, and guise lacquer and accented with gemstones. Among the collection are necklaces, earrings, and pendants which are priced from about \$1,000 to \$10,000.

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WITH THE growing popularity of wine collecting, copious wine clubs have cropped up to cater to every oenophilic taste. Whether you have a passion for Priorat or a love of the Loire, a wine club exists to keep your habit amply supplied with the latest releases. Yet relatively few clubs offer members the opportunity to receive older vintages from top producers. Pam and Bruce Boring had this goal in mind when they established the California Wine Club Aged Cabernet Series, a new service of their existing club that delivers superb vintages of Sonoma and Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons that have been aged 10 to 15 years, from such producers as Jordan, Heitz, and Clos du Val. Included with each shipment of two different bottles (available on a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly basis) are current

tasting notes from the winemaker on the vintage, as well as the original notes from the year of release. A recent offering comprised the elegant Chappellet Signature Cabernet Sauvignon 1995—a dark wine still redolent of wild berries and black cherry—and the outstanding Joseph Phelps Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 1997, which exudes aromas of roasted coffee and chocolate, presenting a dense palate immersed in blackberry and orange pekoe tea. (\$150–\$235 per shipment) www.cawineclub.com

WHEN THE GLENROTHES first introduced the 1985 vintage single-malt scotch as a 12-year-old in 1997, the aromatic, spicy whisky sold out within months. In 2005 the Speyside distillery revisited the popular vintage and bottled a second expression. Recently released in the United States, the 20-year-old Glenrothes 1985 Vintage exhibits rich, creamy notes as a result of its long exposure to sherry oak butts. On the nose it shows a full bouquet of raisin and plum, while on the palate, dried fruits, vanilla, chocolate, latte foam, and spice cede to a smooth oak finish. This whisky pairs exceptionally well with a sweet, nutty Montecristo Platinum Toro cigar. (\$120) www.theglenrothes.com



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