

Love on the half shell: Valentine's gift ideas

A selection of romantic food made by small companies.

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1999 Dolce Saint Nicholas

Dolce Winery

Dolce wine is made from grapes that have been naturally affected with mold. Throughout a six-week harvest, the winery makes several visits to the vineyards to pick individual berries or parts of clusters that have attracted the right amount of mold. These fruits yield a small amount of sweet, concentrated juice that is used to produce tiny batches of the Napa Valley vineyard's dessert wine. The rare edition pictured is made solely from grapes picked on the last day of an unusually late harvest that ended on December 6th, the feast day of Saint Nicholas.

The winery recommends that this variety be enjoyed with crisp fruit, aged cheese, cream-based desserts, or on its own at the end of a meal. Since Saint Nicholas is the patron of children, the winery makes a \$100 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for each bottle it sells.

Dolcewine.com



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