

For the Festive Drinker

It's that time of year to get cooking, get traveling, and get shopping! And while lots of people can be easy to shop for, some prove more difficult. That person can often be the alcohol enthusiast, as the world of cocktails, wine, and beer get so big so fast! So what do you get for the home bartender, or just plain lover of alcohol? I reached out to a few local shops to see if they're doing any gift packages for the holidays, this is what I found out!

Campus Fine Wines

127 Brook Street

Campus Fine Wines is doing holiday wine packs to bring to a party, give to a friend, or easily stock your own bar for guests! They have two options for packs consisting of six bottles of wine which include red, white, and bubbles! All these wines are small production and low intervention. You're bound to impress your friends and family with these hard-to-find wines!

Holiday Vax'd Pack \$100

Holiday Boostah Pack \$150

Stock

756 Hope Street

This adorable shop for all things cooking *and* bartending will have their shelves stocked with various cocktail books, glassware, and of course bar tools for you to choose from. And while they always have the materials, the staff is well adept at putting together personalized gift baskets for you. From the perfect shaped ice to a variety of shakers, mixing glasses, and jiggers, Stock has you covered!

And of course, books are always fun! Here are some cocktail books I recommend, which Stock is selling right now:

The Art of the Japanese Cocktail by Masahiro Urushido and Michael Anstendig from PR powerhouse Hanna Lee Communications. This is on my personal wish list! I can't wait to get my hands on it! I'd recommend it for the more advanced home bartender, someone who will hunt down rare ingredients and make time to make their own syrups.

For beginners, Stock has *The Curious Bartender Cocktails at Home* by Tristan Stephenson.

So whether you're looking for gifts or just looking to stock your own shelves, local shops have you covered! Happy shopping!