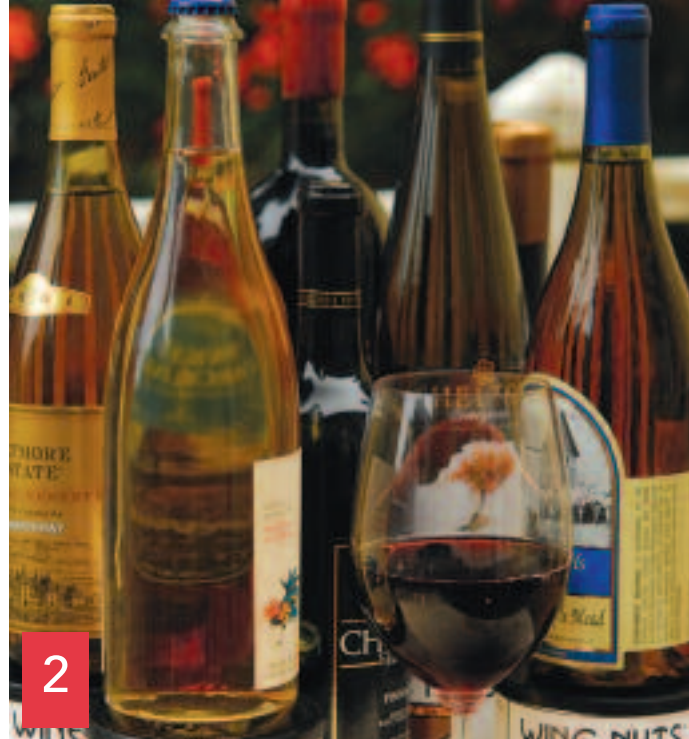


# LOCAL GIFTS



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This collection of local products is for not only holiday gift ideas, but consider Valentine's Day, House-warming or Hostess gifts when you travel. Think snacks for Bowl games, Super Bowl parties and just vegging out. These are only a few of the products made in North Carolina -the NC Specialty Food Association has a whole catalog full on made in NC products, more then we could ever list. What about a gift certicate to a North Carolina owned hotel or Inn for a weekend away? Gift giving locally not only keeps money in the local economy, supporting local businesses, farmers, and artisans, but give us a wide price range to choose from. They are all sure to please. *eP*

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**1** Gather North Carolina brews for a gift or to take to a party. Pictured are Carolina Brewing Company, Duck Rabbit, Highland Brewing Company and Big Boss Brewing Company.

**2** With over 80 wineries in North Carolina,, choose your favorites to give or visit their web sites to join a wine club. Complete the gift with Wine Nuts, wine-flavored peanuts. See the list of North Carolina wines at [www.visitncwine.com](http://www.visitncwine.com).

**3** Classic gift set made local with Goat Lady Dairy, Chapel Hill Creamery, crackers made by The Accidental Baker, McNulty's 7 Fruit Chutney, Merrie Lynn's Pecans, and Peggy Rose's Hot Pepper Jelly.

**4** North Carolina's Sauce lineup: Outta the Park, Country Boy's, Foster's Market Favorites, Wells, Fryar's , Joe Bud's, Apple Butter, Grill Bully, Shumann's, Yam Good, and Bob Timberlake's Bob B Que Sauces. Send a sauce a month.

**5** Escazu Chocolate made from cocoa beans roasted in Raleigh. Polka Dot Bake Shop,, Laurel Gray Chocolate Cabernet Wine Sauce, and coffee from Larry's Beans complete a sweet gift.

**6** D'Vine Foods offers old-fashioned favorites such as Chow Chow and some new products such as Purple Sweet Potato Butter.



**7** International flavors made in N.C.: Tonton, Hibachi, Pluto's Jamaican Jerk, and Zing Sauces along with Chef Ricardo's Tomato and Basil Pasta Sauce and Kerala Curry's line of Indian products.

**8** April McGreger preserves sustainable agriculture products for the holiday table from sweet potato-blood orange butter to cranberry satsuma-relish.

**9** Give ribs purchased at a farmers' market. Then add a few finishing touches such as Bone Suckin' Sauce, Mustard, Rubs, and Habanero Sauce for a winter rib feast.

**10** Breakfast combo: Guilford Mill Water Ground Grits, Imladris Farm Jams, Apple Mill Whole Apple Butter, Bee Blessed Honey, and Lilly's Gourmet Maple Butter.

**11** Nutty Gifts: Bertie County Blister Fried Peanuts and their wonderful decadent combination of peanut brittle coated with chocolate, Wine Nuts with a dusting of chocolate that is not too sweet, and A' Lese Tois pecan brittle.

**12** For a Super Bowl party or sports fan gift set, Green Mountain Chips and Salsa, Pepper Dog Salsa, Cheerwine, and Texas Pete Buffalo Wing Sauce. For a finishing touch add in a team logo serving dish.

★ Give a gift certificate to a restaurant that supports local farms. We have too many to list here, but look at our advertisers, they are locally-owned restaurants committed to fresh, local, seasonal ingredients with creative and delicious menus.

★ Give a subscription to a CSA for the holidays. It is a useful gift that will be appreciated all year.

**Many of the products shown are available at A Southern Season, NOFO, Whole Foods, many Co-ops, farmer's markets and of course online.**

[www.ncagr.gov/markets/specfoods](http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/specfoods)