

Season's Eatings

Unwrap the scoop on a steakhouse's identity swap, an epic new restaurant and more

Giftng Sweet!

From us, to you: five foolproof presents for people who love chocolate, caffeine or a little kick in their cocktail glass.

—*Mariana Conrad*



Bubble Feature

Chicago native and drink writer Maria Hunt shares party-perfect recipes for Champagne and sparkling wine

cocktails, ranging from a classic Kir Royale to the flirty sparkling pineapple push-up, made with brut sparkling wine and lemongrass-ginger syrup in a Popsicle mold—straight from the chapter titled, appropriately, "Happy Endings." \$17. thebubblygirl.com.



Inside the Box

Made to be mailed, the Pops Box from Pops For Champagne includes a bottle of seasonal bubbly, two glass flutes and a personalized greeting card, all wrapped and ready in a custom-created chocolate brown case. \$86 and up. popsforchampagne.com.



Bottle Service A gift membership to the wine club at local vintner Cooper's Hawk ships your enophile a set of vinos quarterly (choose from all red, all white or a mix), or Chicagoans can head to one of CH's four suburban restaurants to pick up one or two bottles each month. \$57 and up. coopershawkwinery.com.



Thorough Bread

Shake up the cookie jar with chocolate chip mandel bread—twice-baked like biscotti, but less hard—in pretty pink packaging from Lincoln Park native Lauren Harris and her L.A. company LuLu's Sweets. \$10 and up. lulusweets.com.

Coffee Mates

Simple, sexy or sweet, create a custom label for Intelligentsia coffee beans from Chicago tea, coffee and hot chocolate online store Need Caffeine. \$12 and up. needcaffeine.com.

