



1. BAMBOO FRUIT BOWL

This reversible bowl, handmade in Vietnam, does more than just provide a pretty stage for produce. Buying it helps Shopping for a Change, a Bay Area nonprofit, foster creative talent in developing countries. \$45; shoppingforachange.org.



2. TRAVEL DOMINOES

Playing Candy Crush can kill some time while waiting for a flight, but we'd rather get to know our fellow travelers. You won't regret carrying these laser-cut, birch-ply friend-makers. Nor will anyone you give a set to. \$75; walnutstudiolo.com.



3. VINTNER FOR AN AFTERNOON

One of the most popular seminars at our annual Celebration Weekend has been Conn Creek Winery's Cabernet-blending demo. But why wait till then? The tasting room in St. Helena, California, offers a two-hour Blending Experience, in which your wannabe wine-maker will learn how to combine Cabs to the best effect. And, of course, you can help drink the results. \$95; conncreek.com.



4. PAPER CULTURE PHOTO STICKERS

These stickers are for you: the gift-giver, the holiday card-sender. You can use any pictures you like to make this set of sturdy decals, but *Sunset* photo director Yvonne Stender suggests a selfie, to

remind the recipient whom to thank. Not just for the present, but for the sapling that Paper Culture plants for each order. \$30/16 stickers; paperculture.com.

5. LA VIE RUSTIC HEIRLOOM SEEDS

With her new line of kitchen-garden supplies, Georgeanne Brennan returns to her roots—in the 1980s, the Bay Area cooking teacher introduced Lacinato kale and radicchio to the United States. This time, she brings heirloom lettuce seeds (\$15), herbes de Provence (\$6), and—because eggs taste only as good as a hen's food—a "chicken scratch" seed mix (\$7). lavierustic.com.

6. PRIMITIVE RESERVE SERVING BOARD

Designed and made in a one-woman shop in L.A., these walnut serving boards come in a range of shapes and sizes; the one shown here, the Moon board (\$145), is a 10-inch round. From \$145; primitivereserve.com.

7. PENNYROYAL FARM CHEESES

The next best thing to living in California's Mendocino County is eating like you live there... which means terrific cheeses from Pennyroyal Farm. A sampler includes (from top) Boont Corners 2 Month, Bollie's Mollies, Boont Corners Reserve, Boont Corner's Blue, Boont Corners Vintage, and Laychee chèvre. \$66; pennyroyalfarm.com.

"THE BOONT CORNERS JUST GETS BETTER AND BETTER WITH AGE."

MARGO TRUE, *food editor*

