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Want to shower your friends with vino this holiday season? Some local wine luminaries suggest their favorite bottles for giving:

Winemaker **Ashley Hepworth** calls her renowned red wine blend, 2012 Joseph Phelps Insignia, Napa Valley (\$240), “a densely opulent wine that can be enjoyed now or over the next 30-plus years.”

Dolce’s **Greg Allen** chooses the 2009 Dolce Napa Valley (\$85 for a half-bottle) for its “honeyed notes of apricot, pear, subtle clove and citrus blossom. It’s sublime by itself or with blue cheese.”

Calera’s winemaker, **Mike Waller**, selects the Calera 2011 Mills Vineyard Mt. Harlan Pinot Noir (\$55), “currently showing aromas of blackberry bramble, plus elegant flavors of black fruit with a hint of truffle.”

EnRoute’s **Andrew Delos** singles out the 2013 EnRoute pinot noir Les Pommiers (\$65) for its “wonderful balance of red and black fruits with subtle earthiness.”

Jean-Charles Boisset chooses the Surrealist, his surprising blend of 50 percent petit verdot and 50 percent cabernet sauvignon (\$350). “The Surrealist has black cherry and blackberry notes with a silky and lush mouthfeel, seducing you with its long finish,” he says.

—Ed Schwartz