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Great Last-Minute Gift Ideas from Colorado Proud

Unique Colorado-made gifts for everyone on your list.

DENVER – The gift-giving countdown is on, and with each passing day, the challenge of finding the perfect present for the pickiest person on your list seems just a little bit harder. But fear not: it's [Colorado Proud](#) to the rescue with a plethora of products made right here in Colorado to please even the hardest-to-buy-for friends or relatives.

If you think Colorado Proud promotes only seasonal produce, you'll be pleasantly surprised to learn that [the Colorado Department of Agriculture](#)-sponsored program's offerings run the gamut of gift-giving, including condiments and spices, gift baskets, craft beer, artisanal cheeses, fine wines, and lots more unique ideas for last-minute gifting.

"Colorado has such a varied climate, with a wide range of agricultural and farm operations thriving here," says Wendy White, marketing specialist for the Colorado Department of Agriculture, "and our state is also a magnet for talented and creative artisans in many specialty areas. That combination gives Colorado Proud an almost unlimited array of products to give as gifts and use ourselves year-round."

Here are a few ideas to get you started. For a complete list of gift ideas and more information, visit www.ColoradoProud.org.

Colorado Black Diamond Salsa – Fresh, all natural, healthy gourmet salsas with fiery flavor. Choose from medium, hot, extra hot and ghost depending on how much of a dare devil the recipient is. www.coloradoblackdiamondsalsa.com

Beer, Wine and Spirits – What host doesn't love craft brews, nice wine or a bottle of brandy? Colorado is quickly becoming famous for its local wineries, breweries and distilleries. www.coloradowine.com, www.coloradobeer.org and www.coloradodistillersguild.com

Decadence Gourmet Cheesecakes – Six gourmet 'Cheesecakes in a Jar' come in a variety of flavors are easy to bring to a party or ship directly to recipients. www.decadencecheesecakes.com

RegionalMakers.com Colorado Baskets – Ready-to-ship gift baskets filled with locally made cheeses, crackers, dried fruit and chocolates give out-of-state friends and family a "Taste of Colorado." www.regionalmakers.com

Colorado Potato Cookbook – Chefs and food lovers will love this wonderful collection of Colorado potato recipes from all over the country, including breakfast, salad, appetizer, entrée and even dessert recipes. www.coloradopotato.org

About Colorado Proud

The Colorado Proud Program was created by the Colorado Department of Agriculture to promote food and agricultural products that are grown, raised or processed in Colorado. One of the goals of Colorado Proud is to make it easier for consumers to identify and purchase Colorado products by labeling them with the Colorado Proud logo. In 1999 the program started with 65 companies, and now the Colorado Proud program has more than 1,800 members including growers, processors, restaurants, retailers and associations statewide.

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