

fine Cooking

WE BRING OUT THE COOK IN YOU

June/July 2011

Great Finds

Our latest buys for the kitchen and table. BY MELISSA DENCHAK



Cold as Stone

These modernist Ekke shot glasses are made of soapstone, not glass. Freeze them before using and they'll keep your favorite tippie chilled—no ice required. **\$40 for four; teroforma.com; 877-899-1190.**



A Better Bowl

As soft, smooth, and supple as leather, Bambu's new line of bowls is made from water- and stain-resistant natural cork. They're flexible, durable, and great for bread and fruit. **Medium round bowl, \$33; bambuhome.com; 877-226-2829.**



A Rare Bean

Made from Pure Nacional, a highly prized variety of cacao bean that was (until recently) thought to be extinct, Fortunato No. 4 is a full-bodied dark chocolate with fruity notes and a silky smooth texture. Reintroduced to the United States by Oregon-based chocolatier Moonstruck, this single-origin Peruvian chocolate is not to be missed. **\$12 for a 2-ounce bar; moonstruckchocolate.com; 800-557-6666.**



The Real Thing

This all-natural ginger ale is refreshing, slightly sweet, and packed with gingery heat. It's made with pure cane sugar and fresh ginger and comes unfiltered, so you can even see the ginger bits. **\$36 for twelve 12-ounce bottles, Bruce Cost Fresh Ginger Ale; harney.com; 888-427-6398.**



The Perfect Setting

These vintage-inspired, double-sided "Cutlery" placemats from Cake Table & Home are made from 100 percent recycled paper. Thick and durable, they add casual elegance to outdoor barbecues and informal dinner parties. **\$25 for a box of 25; cakevintage.com; 615-385-7254.**



A Spoonable Snack

Move over peanut butter—our new favorite spreadable treat is made from crushed Belgian spice cookies. Rich with gingersnap and caramel flavors, creamy-smooth Biscoff Spread is delicious on crackers and fruit, or straight from the jar. **\$12.95 for two 14-ounce jars; biscoff.com; 800-422-2924.**

