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**TAKE FIVE, COME BEARING A GREAT BOTTLE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. WE PICKED FIVE THAT HIT THE GIFTING MARK.**

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My father used to tell me never to arrive at someone's house without a bent elbow. The implication, of course, is that a guest should always bring a gift. And this time of year, some of the best favors arrive in perfect bottles. Here are five we love for this holiday season and why your giftee will smile.

#### **UNCLE VAL'S BOTANICAL GIN**

Why They'll love it: Gin drinkers are particular about their botanicals, so they'll love this complex bottle that presents memorable flavors with the foundation of piney juniper.

#### **KIRK AND SWEENEY BURNING MAST RUM**

Why They'll love it: Bring on the spice! Finished in red pepper barrels for up to 19 days.

#### **UNCLE VAL'S GIN / KIRK AND SWEENEY RUM**