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Wine of La Mancha
If you're looking for something different this year, this Spanish red is 80% Bobal (from 60-year-old vines) and 20% Malbec and Monastrell (from 15-year-old vines). Bobal is a dark-skinned wine-grape variety native to Utiel-Requena in southeast Spain. Despite its relative obscurity, it is one of that country's most-planted grape varieties behind Tempranillo and Airen.
The wine was fermented in stainless steel using all-natural yeasts, and then aged eight months in French oak. The high-altitude grapes produce a wine with a nose replete of red fruit, generous blackberry and dried-cherry flavors, and good acidity.
\$18
2008 Abalondon Rayuelo

Check Yer Head
Seamus, an Oregon-based headcover manufacturer, offers an upscale accessory to protect your turbo-charged drivers and fairway woods. Seamus covers are 100% tartan wool and are a sure, Euro inspired accessory that are easily removed and will accommodate the biggest heads on the market. Each headcover is designed to withstand the elements and promises not to fray.
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A Little Push Push
Sun Mountain's new Combo Cart is a golf bag and a push cart in one gift box. The manufacturer of the game's best bags and push carts offers a nifty time-saver that occupies less trunk space and has all the silver bells and whistles to make for a great holiday.
\$459 www.sunmountain.com

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THE GREATEST GOLF COURSES and how they are played NORTH AMERICA

Espresso Table Book
The Greatest Golf Courses and how they are played is a perfect Secret Santa gift or stocking stuffer. Sized to be picked up more than it is picking up dust, this treasure trove of courses offers fantastic photography and interesting descriptions of the best courses you'll never play.
\$10.99
ISBN: 978-0-600-62847-7

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Undoubtedly, the backseat man on skates throughout 80s and 90s in our great city was Jeremy Roenick. JR is an American-born hockey player who cared about giving 100% every shift. He went out of his way to connect with Blackhawks fans, and paid more attention to them than anything that was ever written about him. His outspoken personality and ability to get the puck in the net made Roenick a fan favorite throughout his career in Chicago.

Roenick: "It's probably my favorite weekend of the year. To be able to have that level of competition away from hockey is what drives me, and I need that. I will win the tournament one of these years, believe me!"
Don't expect to see JR on the driving range prepping for 2015, though. According to him, the best thing for his game is to be on the course. In comparison, it probably wouldn't have done him

never hit to it. He attributes that to the old saying, "You live by the sword, and you die by the sword."
"The biggest difference is that in hockey I couldn't wait to get on the ice and smash somebody's head in. With golf, I can't wait to hit some aggressive shots," said Roenick. "I am, however, pretty animated on the course. I swear a lot if I'm not playing well and I wear my emotions on my sleeve. I'm

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