

Patron tequila gift sets can be found at some area liquor stores.

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Gift of spirits

Liquor sets make well-received presents for many on your list

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Barry Switzer and son-in-law Hunter Miller use a tried-and-true method when they go about choosing a blend for their cabernet sauvignon each year.

“What we do is we go out to Napa Valley and our winemaker puts out four bottles of wine,” Switzer said. “Hunter and I taste the wines and vote on which blend we like best.”

“Our wines typically have about 97 percent cabernet sauvignon and a little petit verdot and cabernet franc, and each blend tastes a little different.”

Switzer, the Hall of Fame former University of Oklahoma and Dallas Cowboys football coach, and Miller leased a Napa Valley vineyard in 2007.

“We saw this field for lease,



Former OU football coach Barry Switzer and son-in-law Hunter Miller make a cabernet sauvignon under the Switzer Family Vineyards label. Courtesy

and it had places like Opus One and Nickel and Nickel all around it,” Switzer said. “I think we’ve produced some really good wines out of it.”

Cabernet sauvignon, a bold, red wine, is the only

wine made under the Switzer Family Vineyards label.

“We’ve talked about doing a white like a sauvignon blanc and maybe a dessert wine, but that hasn’t been decided yet,” Switzer said.

A bottle of Switzer Family Vineyards cab makes a terrific late-hour Christmas gift for the wine lover or football fan on your list.

Most stores that still have it in stock have the 2010 vintage that sells for about \$55 a bottle. Tulsa Hills Wine Cellar, 7422 S. Olympia Ave., has autographed bottles for \$61.

Tulsa Deco wines, made locally with Tulsa-themed labels, also make popular gifts. The chardonnay, merlot and sauvignon blanc are less than \$20, and the cabernet sauvignon and a fantastic cabernet franc are just above \$20.

The hottest item on the shelf might be the new Crown Royal XO Whisky. Crown lovers will want to be among the first to taste the whiskey made from 50 select whiskeys and aged in cognac casks. A 750 ml bottle should retail for about \$40.

A number of liquor stores

also are carrying a selection of holiday gift sets that make quick and well-received gifts. The gift sets typically do not cost more than a regular bottle without the gifts. Among the ones we have noticed (prices may vary):

- Jagermeister liqueur with pewter shooter, \$19.
- Baileys Irish Cream with two glasses, \$25.
- Crown Royal with two glasses, \$24
- Crown Royal Black with two glasses, \$27.
- Patron tequila with acrylic pitcher set, \$91.
- St. Bernardus Abt 12 magnum edition, \$29.
- Anchor Steam magnum with Christmas and New Year’s label, \$16.
- Wild Turkey 101 with two glasses, \$19.
- Ketel One with shaker, \$22.

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