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## 12 Days of Giving (and Getting)

### Wine Treasure Rediscovered

Madeira has fallen off the radar since the heady days when Thomas Jefferson toasted the Declaration of Independence with a glass—it was the trophy wine of the 18th century. But the uniquely luscious, perfumed, and tangy fortified wine still soars, maybe all the more so for being unfamiliar. These bottlings (boxed set of four 375 ml bottles, \$95; historic madeira.com), blended from old stocks by Vinhos Barbeito for California's Rare Wine Company, were named to honor the American cities that were hotbeds of Colonial connoisseurship. They range from relatively leaner, drier styles (Charleston Sercial and Savannah Verdelho) to rich and deep (Boston Bual) to gloriously sweet (New York Malmsey). —R.N.

