

mail-order food

festive standbys continued

CRANBERRY SAUCE

An ethical Christmas is a good Christmas. So go for Geo Organics cranberry sauce, £1.49, gluten free and vegan with a distinctive fruity taste. Serve also with nut roasts and vegetable pies, or bake with cheese-stuffed mushrooms. Visit www.seriouslyorganic.co.uk for a list of online stockists.

FAIRTRADE TREATS

Turnham Green is not only an underground station in west London, but also the business run by two city career women turned professional foodies. Committed to environmental and Fairtrade principles, instead of the usual wicker hamper, they've substituted special jute bags and filled them with lots of delicious things such as Chapel Down sparkling wine, biscotti, green tea, their special jam, fruitcake and chocolates.

07972 216993;

www.turnham-green.co.uk

HAMPERS

The Pollock family has been farming in Fife for over a century and launched Ardross Farm Shop three years ago, originally to provide an outlet for their home-produced and ethically farmed beef and vegetables. This year, customers can create their own bespoke hamper – don't miss out on a jar of Mrs P's famous homemade raspberry jam.

01333 330415;

www.ardrossfarm.co.uk

TEAS

Sympathy Teas' new seasonal loose-leaf herbal tea is White Christmas, £4.50/100g, a lightly spiced blend of elderflower, camomile, ginger, cinnamon and citrus peel, hand-blended in small batches. Put your feet up and start dreaming...

01858 575363;

www.sympathyteas.co.uk

WINES

House of Menzies specialises in New World wines, including great Christmassy dessert and fortified wines. UK delivery.

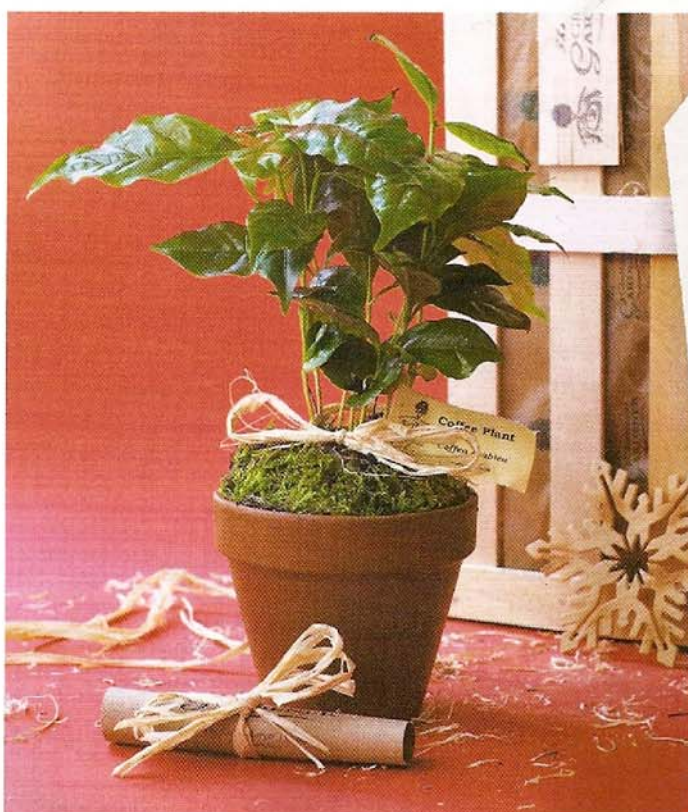
01887 829666;

www.houseofmenzies.com ▷



It's hard to find a wheat-free alternative, so Meg Rivers' Chocolate Christmas Cake is a welcome discovery (£31.95, serves 16). Made with Belgian chocolate, ground almonds and a dash of espresso, the cakes are made in limited numbers and sell out quickly – so order now to avoid disappointment.

01608 682858; www.megrivers.com



GLUTTONOUS GARDENER WITH CAFEDIRECT
Drink coffee? Dig gardens? Then you'll love The Coffee Lover's Crate, £40, from The Gluttonous Gardener in league with Cafédirect. It includes a coffee plant (grow on a warm window ledge), Mexican Palenque fresh ground coffee and chocolate-covered beans packed in a wooden crate.
020 7627 0800;
www.glut.co.uk