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Mark D. Sullivan, Senior Features Editor

They say giving is better than receiving. A heart warming notion, of course, unless everyone you know is much wealthier than you. It is in the spirit of love and practicality that I wish all my amazing loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season!

- The flawless **Billy Reid brown leather weekender tote** tops my list - it's a real throwback to the steamer-trunk days of serious glamour travel. *At Billy Reid.*
- A sampling of **Paul Smith cashmere accessories** to complement his incredible Military Coat, which I recently splurged on. *At By George.*
- The signature picnic basket from the new **P&K Grocery** in oh-so-hip South Austin, delivered to the al fresco destination of my choice. *At P&K Grocery.*
- It's embarrassing, but that **Razr V3 phone** from Motorola is seriously growing on me. I tried to resist it at first, but I'm a sucker for sleek and black. *Through Motorola.*
- The new **Alexandra Knight alligator credit card case**. With double-sided pockets and room for credit cards, license and cash, it's a great alternative to the oft-cumbersome traditional wallet. *At Alexandra Knight, by appointment, and at Forty Five Ten.*
- Three words (and therefore easy to remember): **Frank Muller watch**. *At All About Diamonds and Bachendorfs.*
- **Creed Green Irish Tweed** - the best, soapy, clean, and delicious cologne in the history of cologne. *At Neiman Marcus.*
- Oh, and just one more thing - Keeping in mind how good I've been this year, I'd love a **Porsche Cayenne**. *Through Porsche.*



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I've been good this year, remember →

Karen Odom Spezia, Contributing Writer, "Serve"

When I dream, I dream of food, wine and travel. Here's what I hope to find under the tree this year.

- **Texas chocolates**. Forget Belgium! Roscar Chocolates and Brown Paper Chocolates are two Texas-made confections that melt in my mouth! *Roscar at Breed & Co. Brown Paper at Central Market.*
- **A set of Nachtmann crystal glasses**. I love this colorful and modern glassware by renowned crystal giant, Riedel. *Through Amazon.com.*
- **A magnum of 1998 Le Reve**. This blanc de blanc luxury cuvée from Domaine Carneros by Taittinger is the best bubbly I tasted all year. *Through Domaine Carneros.*
- **A weekend at the Inn at Dos Brisas**. I can't wait to get back to this hidden jewel tucked away in the Washington County countryside.
- **The entire line of Gourmet Sardinia foods**. These treats by the folks at Arcodoro and Pomodoro Restaurants are delicious and unique. *At Central Market and through Gourmet Sardinia.*
- **A private wine cabinet in the VIP room at Cova Wines**. One day, I hope to be rich or famous enough to store my private stash at this Houston hotspot. *Through Cova Wines.*
- **A case of Texas Mills Rosato**. This wine makes my happy on a warm Texas day. *At Central Market and through Texas Hills.*
- **Dinner at home with my husband**. No one cooks better - or looks better - than Roy! He's my ultimate gift!

best bubbly of the year →



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