

## DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### THIS MONTH'S INDUSTRY EVENTS

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### NEXT MONTH'S HOLIDAYS & EVENTS *Time to start planning!*

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JAN 16 MLK JR. DAY

*all month long...*

NATIONAL HOT SOUP MONTH

#### ICON KEY:

Look for these icons throughout the newsletter for easy identification of attributes that may be important to you.

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## PLANT BASED STILL TRENDING

"Specialty food consumers are looking to make their meal prep easy but exciting and that is driving many of this year's trends regarding convenience, packaging improvements, and global flavors," said Denise Purcell, SFA's vice president, resource development. "At the same time, they continue to care about how their food is grown and the health benefits it offers, giving rise to evolving sustainability, plant-based, and better-for-you trends."

Source: Specialty Food Association

While plant based foods are not new, they're still continuing to grow. And as consumers seek to strike a balance between their desire for health and indulgence, plant based foods can be found as a solution.

Plant-based and cheese do not often go hand-in-hand, but Bel Brands has two solutions that will shock your taste buds. **Babybel Plant-Based** is a new delicious, dairy-free and lactose-free snack! With a smooth texture similar to mozzarella, it has all the deliciousness of real cheese without the dairy. **Boursin Dairy-Free** is a delicious combination of garlic, parsley and chives, cold-blended in a dairy-free base made from high quality coconut oil to create a smooth cheese spread alternative, similar to the **original Boursin!**



Hari&Co, a start-up specializing in 100% plant-based foods, wants to inspire a revolution in diets and lifestyle habits while encouraging the prioritization of pleasure and indulgence. We offer their **Plant Based Ground Beef Style Pea Protein, Tomato & Herb Chickpea Nuggets, Chickpea Falafels and Cumin & Mint Chickpea Falafels.**

**H!P chocolate** was born out of a desire to eat good quality, creamy vegan chocolate. Their goal is to revolutionize the mainstream chocolate market by rejecting the widespread dependence on animal products. This means producing chocolate in an ethical and environmentally-friendly way, using oat milk as a delicious and sustainable alternative to cow's milk. Try their **Oat Milk, Salted Caramel Oat Milk, Salty Pretzels Oat Milk and Cookies No Cream Oat Milk bars** — you'll be surprised how creamy and indulgent these vegan chocolate bars really are!



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# UNDER THE DOME

## Jeff Babcock, Cheese Specialist

### SPREAD THE WORD



Nestled in Wisconsin's hilly countryside, dotted by dairy farms, and near the Lake Michigan shore, **Pine River** has been crafting award-winning cheese spreads since 1963. The richness of America's Dairyland, combined with state-of-the-art equipment, exacting manufacturing standards, and highly trained cheese makers ensure skillfully crafted cheese spreads in every batch.

The Lindemann family has been in the dairy trade in Wisconsin since the 19th century when Herman Lindemann, settled in Liberty Township not far from the current Pine River plant. He emigrated from Prussia in 1870, and established his dairy farm on 155 acres of pristine woodland in 1886. The tradition of excellence and quality at Pine River continues with four new partners who have been under the guidance and mentorship of Philip A. Lindemann for the past decade.



#### WHAT IS PINE RIVER COLD PACK CHEESE SPREAD?

Cold Pack is made by blending cuts of Grade A, Wisconsin State Brand, Natural Cheddar, aged nine months, with cream and other dairy ingredients until a smooth texture is achieved. Additional ingredients such as herbs, spices, and nuts are added to create award-winning flavors. Cold Pack Cheese Food, the official name, signifies that the product is made without the aid of heat. It remains as similar as possible to natural cuts of cheese but with the advantage of being in a convenient spreadable form.



**7218982 Sharp Cheddar Cheese Spread 12/8 oz.**

Stocked in IL; Non-Stock in TX, VA and CA

**7218981 Sharp Cheddar Spread Singles 24/2.5 oz.**

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA

**7218980 Sharp Cheddar Foodservice 4/5 lb.**

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA



**7218959 Port Wine Cheese Spread 12/8 oz.**

Stocked in IL; Non-Stock in TX, VA and CA

**7218976 Port Wine Foodservice 2/10 lb.**

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA



**7219021 Spicy Beer Cheese Spread 12/8 oz.**

Stocked in IL; Non-Stock in TX, VA and CA

**7218989 Spicy Beer Cheese Singles 24/2.5 oz.**

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA



**7218987 Smokey Bacon Cheese Spread 12/8 oz.**

Stocked in IL; Non-Stock in TX, VA and CA



**2017 United States Championship Cheese Contest 3rd Place Winner**



**7219019 Swiss & Almond Cheese Spread 12/8 oz.**

Stocked in IL; Non-Stock in TX, VA and CA



**Gold Medal Winner of the World Championship Cheese Contest -2016, 2013, & 2011**



**7218955 Horesradish Cheese Spread 12/8 oz.**

Stocked in IL; Non-Stock in TX, VA and CA



**1999 Grand Master Cheese Maker's Award**



# WILD AND UNIQUE FOODS

Tim Doyle, Meat & Game Specialist

## LABOR-SAVING PRE-SLICED PACKS

**MAESTRI**  
Charcuterie Masters

In 2014, Maestri came to the U.S. with a dream of offering American consumers the best selection of authentic European deli meats. They partner with family-owned producers that specialize in crafting high-quality deli meat products and firmly believe that simple things, from the surrounding air and water to how the animals are fed, can make a huge impact on the quality and taste of the finished product.

Maestri brings us artisanal, authentic Italian specialties that are pre-sliced to save time and labor and offer consistency. They manage their products from beginning to end in order to give customers a rich, authentic tasting experience. Because of their dedication to that experience, they import the specialty meats to their state-of-the-art facility in the U.S. where they are then sliced and packaged to ensure maximum freshness and quality.

### PROSCIUTTO ITALIANO

Traditionally crafted in Parma Italy, Maestri Prosciutto is slow cured for more than 400 days. This all-natural specialty has a delicate flavor, ideal for the perfect panini, on pizza, or just to enjoy on a platter with cheese and olives.



**7209716 Sliced Prosciutto Italiano** 10/3 oz.

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA



### SPECK ITALIANO

Maestri Speck Italiano is produced in Northern Italy and is at the crossroads of two basic methods of meat conservation: curing with sea salt from the Mediterranean, and smoking. Great on its own, with baked potatoes or cheeses, or as a substitute for bacon in a BLT.



**7209929 Sliced Speck Italiano** 10/3 oz.

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA



### COPPA ITALIANA

Maestri Coppa Italiana is dry-cured in the Piacenza region, following the ancient working method. Coppa can be enjoyed as it is, or thinly sliced and served with Italian breadsticks. It is ideal for gourmet sandwiches or for special charcuterie platters.



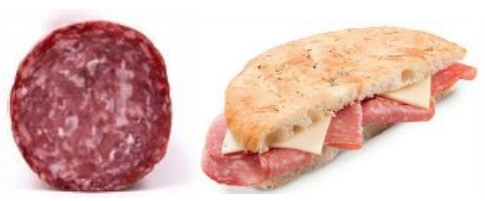
**7209721 Sliced Coppa Italiana** 10/3 oz.

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA



### SALAME RUSTICO

Maestri Salame Rustico is traditionally dry-cured in the Parma region. Seasoned with pepper, garlic and natural spices, it fits perfectly in an Italian Hero Sandwich, a panini, or in a colorful entertaining platter combining it with many other specialties.



**7209722 Sliced Salame Rustico** 12/8 oz.

Stocked in IL, VA and CA



# SPECIALTY GROCERY

## Ryan LaMere, Grocery Specialist

### TEA TIME!



At European Imports, we endlessly search for the most premium products and beverages. We seek to not only provide sustenance, but experience as well. **Tea Forte's** signature pyramid infuser, distinctive leaf design, and of course deep, rich flavor provide everything we are looking for.

Believed to have been cultivated as far back at 2700 in China, tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world — second only to water. Whether its your morning cup or to treat yourself after dinner, Tea Forte has the delicate flavor and most interesting ritual to make you stop rushing and appreciate the moment, even if only for a second.

#### EXPERIENCE THE EXCEPTIONAL

Unwrap, steep, and reveal the exquisite nature of thoughtfully blended whole leaf teas, herbs, fruits and flowers. The exceptional ingredients and memorable visuals offer a distinctive invitation to enjoy the moment.

Favored by discerning tea connoisseurs and offered at the world's leading hotels, restaurants, resorts and retailers, Tea Forte delivers a truly exceptional tea experience.



**Tea Over Ice**  
8 ct. pyramid diffusers



**Hot Tea**  
40 ct. pyramid diffusers

All items are stocked in all divisions and share the following attributes:



#### TEA OVER ICE



Create a unique experience for your guests with a dramatic tableside iced tea presentation. Steep your guest's preferred Tea Over Ice blend and flash-chill—an entertaining and refreshing presentation. Experience the refreshing realm of artisan iced tea with Tea Over Ice.

**Each infuser steeps 24 ounces of refreshing iced tea.**

7222988	<b>Raspberry Nectar TOI</b>	8/1.76 oz.
7222984	<b>Mango Peach TOI</b>	8/1.76 oz.
7222955	<b>Ceylon Gold TOI</b>	8/1.76 oz.

#### THE SIGNATURE PYRAMID

Tea Forte's pyramid infuser is designed with care to allow whole-leaf blends to luxuriantly unfurl into each aromatic cup and create a stunning visual, captivating those who experience it. The silhouette is designed to allow tea to expand as it steeps, releasing flavors.



#### HOT TEA



An impressive tea service is an experience guests remember. This unique take on teas comes in the form of an elegant pyramid infuser. A signature of this brand, this modern take on tea service is an unexpectedly luxurious way to treat your guests.

**Each infuser steeps a single-serve cup of hot tea.**

7222975	<b>Ginger Lemongrass</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222933	<b>Blueberry Merlot</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222956	<b>Bombay Chai</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222959	<b>Citrus Mint</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222964	<b>Earl Grey</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222972	<b>English Breakfast</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222976	<b>Mango Peach</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222980	<b>Jasmine Green</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7222990	<b>White Ginger Pear</b>	40/0.19 oz.
7223044	<b>Chamomile Citron</b>	40/0.19 oz.



# SPECIALTY GROCERY

## Salima Ghariani, Grocery Specialist

### LET'S MIX IT UP!

#### STONEWALL KITCHEN FAMILY of BRANDS

Jonathan King and Jim Stott used to spend their weekends making condiments from herbs and produce gathered from the farmers' market and their garden. "We never knew exactly what we were making since it depended on what ingredients were available," says King. Twenty-eight years after King and Scott started selling those homemade condiments at farmers' markets, **Stonewall Kitchen** is a specialty food titan—and today, they know exactly what goes into each product. Since King and Stott weren't always sure of the ingredients when they first started making condiments, they wrote the labels once the recipes were finalized. The product labels, which still appear handwritten, are a nod to the company's early years.

#### COMMUNITY ORIENTED

The company's York, Maine headquarters includes a production facility, cooking school, store, and cafe. They support charitable organizations in local communities that focus on food insecurity, children and families in crisis, community health and safety, animal welfare, and youth enrichment. Over the past ten years, they have donated more than \$1.1 million in food and financial grant contributions to several community organizations. The company's mission, which hasn't changed since its inception, is to create the finest specialty foods ever, and in doing so, to never compromise on ingredients or recipes.

#### BAKING MIXES



There is a definitive geographical separation when it comes to making cornbread. This is their Northeast version, a tinge of sweetness mixed in with corn meal for soft textured bread that crumbles just perfectly into a hot bowl of chili.

#### 7197754 Cornbread Mix

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA

6/16 oz.



They took out the gluten but kept the same delicious cornmeal taste and moist, crumbly texture of their traditional Cornbread Mix. Serve it with soups, chili or just have a slice. It goes great with everything.

#### 7197758 Gluten Free Cornbread Mix

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA

6/16 oz.



#### BAKING MIXES, CONTINUED

It's easy to whip up some instant satisfaction with this delicious Blueberry Scone Mix. They cook up fluffy, buttery tasting and blueberry filled. A great way to bring a morning smile to friends and family.



#### 7197748 Blueberry Scone Mix

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA

6/12 oz.



This Triple Fudge Brownie Mix makes deliciously dense brownies filled with cocoa, chocolate chunks and chocolate liqueur. Easy to make with just a few pantry items, these delectably moist and chewy brownies will satisfy the strongest chocolate cravings.



#### 7197757 Triple Fudge Brownie Mix

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA

6/19.5 oz.



At last! A gluten free brownie that is chocolatey, rich and chewy! If you're one of the many people who are looking for genuinely good gluten free options for traditional baked treats, we have the mix for you.

#### 7197756 Gluten Free Brownie Mix

Stocked in IL, TX, VA and CA

6/18 oz.



# FOR THE PASTRY CHEF

## Cat Carp Wall, Pastry Specialist



**Le Chic Pâtissier** uses traditional recipes and artisanal baking methods combined with ingredients carefully selected from the best local partners to deliver the authentic taste of their offerings.

**MADE IN BELGIUM**

Their lines of specialty waffles are made in Belgium respecting tradition while also bringing us a modern product.

### LIÈGE WAFFLES

Legend has it that the Liège waffle was invented when the Prince-Bishop of Liège, a city in the Belgian region of Walonia, asked his cook to create a pastry made with lots of sugar. The Prince was charmed by the scent of warm, sweet vanilla wafting through the air and soon the popularity of the waffle recipe spread throughout the kingdom of Belgium. This waffle has remained since then the most popular in Belgium and in the world and have become a mainstay of Belgian cuisine.



7223557

**Liège waffle**

24/3.17 oz.

Stocked in IL; and VA  
Non-Stock in TX and CA



Belgian waffles are recognizable by their uneven edges and golden crust. Made with a thick vanilla batter, they are perfectly crispy on the outside and fluffy on the inside.



- Made with 100% butter and real pearl sugar
- Made With Cage-Free Eggs
- Individually Wrapped
- Thaw & Serve or Heat 'n Eat
- 30 Day shelf life after thaw out.

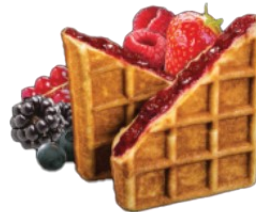
### MAGIC WAFFLES



Magic Waffles are produced respecting the traditional Belgian bakery spirit. The dough is still made according to a family recipe passed down from generation to generation since 1922.

The delicious fillings are the magic inside the dough that makes these waffles so unique. These waffles are easily warmed in the oven, microwave or toaster. Enjoy Magic Waffles anytime, anywhere. The Magic is inside!

All below items are stocked in all divisions and boast the following attributes.



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**Mixed Berry Filled**

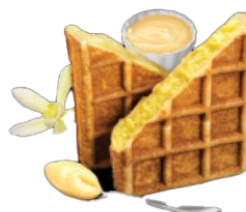
48/2.82 oz



7193054

**Chocolate Filled**

48/2.82 oz.



7193052

**Custard Cream Filled**

48/2.82 oz.



# INDUSTRY TRENDS

## Retail & Foodservice

### HEALTHY MIDNIGHT SNACKS FOR LATE NIGHT MUNCHING

Late night cravings happen all year round, but the holidays tend to have us overindulging in all things sweet. Santa can only eat so many cookies, so swap that plate of goodness for something even better – and healthier.

#### HUMMUS

We knew there was a reason we loved chickpeas. “They’re packed with protein—three grams for every two tablespoons,” says Dr. Daryl Gioffre, a New York City-based nutritionist and author of *Get Off Your Acid*. “Chickpeas are high in lysine, and tahini is a rich source of the amino acid methionine. Individually, [chickpeas and tahini] are incomplete proteins, but when you combine them to make hummus, they create a complete protein.” Why are complete proteins so important, you ask? Basically, they keep you full, which means no more tossing and turning with a rumbling stomach.

Make your own whole-protein hummus at home by simply blending **Carmelina Garbanzo Beans** with **Athina Sesame Tahini** and a pinch of salt. Top with Cucina Viva Bruschetta for an added pop of flavor!

#### POPCORN



You’re trying to quell a craving, not put yourself in a full-on food coma. That’s where popcorn comes into play. The addictively crisp, salty snack is naturally light so you can nosh without getting weighed down before bed. Oh, and there’s also the complex carb factor—a whole-grain bedtime snack will stick to your ribs much longer than a

cookie or chocolate orange.

Looking for a healthy grab-and-go popcorn choice? Look no further than **Skinny Pop**—it only has 35 calories per cup!

#### PUMPKIN SEEDS

What’s salty, crunchy and a surefire way to put you to

sleep? Pumpkin seeds, of course. According to the American Sleep Association, these guys are a good source of the sleep-inducing mineral magnesium and amino acid tryptophan. They’re also packed with zinc, which can help the brain convert that tryptophan into serotonin. Not to mention they’re satisfyingly crunchy and savory to boot.

Nobody wants to put in work to satisfy a midnight craving, so get yourself some **Shelled Pumpkin Seeds**.

#### CHEESE

When it comes to sleep, cheese is a surprisingly sound choice. That’s because it’s high in calcium, which has been tied to better sleep. It’s also loaded with protein, plus some tryptophan and melatonin for good measure. Pair a few slices of cheese with some whole-grain crackers or apple slices for the ultimate protein-carb combination.



We have a giant selection of cheeses at European Imports, but if ease of snacking is what you’re going for, check out **Supreme’s Mini Brie Bites**, **Cabot’s Sharp White Cheddar Bites**, or **Babybel’s Plant-based cheese alternative**, perfect for vegans or those with lactose intolerance.

#### BEEF JERKY

Protein is the way to go when you feel a late night craving coming on, as long as you don’t consume too much of it. Eating a large portion before bed may keep your body up for the sake of digestion, plus too much pre-bedtime protein may give you too much energy before hitting the hay. But if you’re craving something savory and filling, it’s OK to have a small piece or two (especially if you’re on a diet like keto or Paleo).

Try something new with Field Trip’s **Everything Bagel Beef Jerky** or keep it classic with their **Original Beef Jerky** snack pack.

# GAME DAY COCKTAILS

People are having holiday get togethers this time of year, but let's not forget the upcoming game day get togethers! No holiday, just get together with friends to cheer on your favorite team. Whether planning for a Big Game party at home or turning on the televisions in your restaurant, game day always is as much about the food and drink as it is the game. Bloody Mary's are a perfect cocktail for these events. Why not set up a Bloody Mary bar for people to garnish their own? For those who prefer beer over harder liquors, **Michelada Love Cocktail Mixer** is a perfect option. This time of year a hearty drink can hit the spot.

## MIXERS

9901427 **McClure's Spicy Bloody Mary Mix** 6/32 oz  
Stocked IL, TX and VA

7008640 **McClure's Bloody Mary Mix** 4/1 Gal  
Stocked IL and VA

7219904 **Nat. Blonde Bloody Mary Mix** 2/128 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

7219907 **Nat. Blonde Bloody Mary Mix** 12/16 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

7219935 **Nat. Blonde Bloody Mary Mix** 12/32 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

7196344 **Michelada Love Cocktail Mixer** 12/32 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

These drinks are like a meal in a glass already, and the garnishes can include almost anything. Popular are vegetables, namely olives. We carry a wide variety perfect for cocktails, or in a bowl to snack on.



## DON'T FORGET TO GARNISH:

1700176 **Cocina Selecta Pimento Olives** 4/80 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, and VA

1700188 **Cocina Selecta Blue Cheese Olives** 4/80 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, and VA

5634757 **Cocina Selecta Pitted Qn. Olives** 4/66 oz  
Stocked IL, VA and CA

7877055 **Sable & Rosenfeld Topsy Onions** 6/5 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

2668325 **Sable & Rosenfeld Topsy Stirrers** 6/16 oz  
Stocked IL, TX and VA

7454895 **Roland Cornichons Gherkins** 12/12 oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

7146264 **Black Kassel Hny Bourbon Whips** 16/2 oz  
Stocked IL, TX and VA

7098798 **Black Kassel Picante Whips** 16/2 oz  
Stocked IL, TX and VA

7207081 **Van Lang Antipasto Skewer** 5/40 ct  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

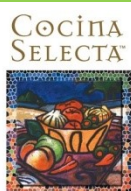
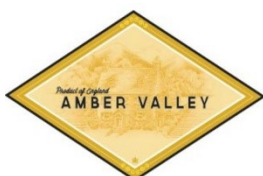
7219893 **Natural Blonde Salty Rimmer** 12/3.5oz  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

1450000 **Ellsworth White Cheddar Curds** 2/5 lb  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

1467432 **Raisin River Sliced Bacon** 12/12 oz  
Stocked IL, VA and CA

1440229 **Restaurantware 4" Knot Skewer** 1/1000 ct  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

1319864 **Restaurantware 6" Knot Skewer** 1/1000 ct  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



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# WHAT'S NEW?

## HUNGRY FOR MORE?

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW AT EUROPEAN IMPORTS THIS MONTH. GET A FIRST LOOK AT OUR EXCITING NEW ITEMS!



**7227371**  
**Lars Swedish Ginger Snaps Box**  
12/10.5 oz.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7205987**  
**Auricchio Provolone Stravecchio**  
1/5 lb.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7220195**  
**Busseto Mini Charcuterie**  
12/3.5 oz.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7209167**  
**Auricchio Provolone Dolce**  
1/15 lb.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7227571**  
**Martinelli's Cider**  
6/1 L.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7217772**  
**Donnelly FS Jumbo Sausage Bangers**  
6/80 oz.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7216095**  
**Donnelly Sausage Rolls**  
12/16 oz.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**3252145**  
**Jade Mountain Hoisin Sauce**  
10/25.54 oz.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**7260268**  
**Lee Kum Kee Red Chili Oil**  
12/7 oz.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA



**0228510**  
**Lee Kum Kee Thai Sweet Chili Sauce**  
6/2.2 kg.  
Stocked IL, TX, VA and CA

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**Lee Kum Kee Vegetarian Stir-fry Sauce**  
8/4.23 oz.



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