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# Cocina





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### **Back Cover Specialty**

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### Summer is Heating Up Already!

As temperatures rise you will undoubtedly be reaching for a cool and refreshing beverage, so now is the time to take a closer look at the variety of beverages we have to offer.

Let's start with water. Water is a great thirst quencher and is essential for all bodily functions. Still, sparkling, spring whatever your choice we have many brands available from all over the world. Such as: Gerolsteiner from Germany. Found flavored waters from Turkey. Harvest Bay all-natural coconut water. LaCroix made in the USA. **Perrier** from France.



San Pellegrino, Acqua Panna and San Benedetto from Italy. TyNant and Tau from Wales.

Ah, lemonade the combination of sweet and sour makes it a beverage that appeals to kids of all ages. LeVillage, our brand exclusively, is imported from France. LeVillage makes a classic clear French lemon as well as a variety of other flavored lemonades. Delicious!

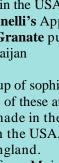


Healthy beverages are a good choice for families. Here are a few to consider: Hero Nectars from Spain. Honest Kids, in easy to use grab and go pouches, made in the USA. Martinelli's Apple Juices made in the USA. **PureGranate** pure pomegranate juice from Azerbaijan

We also have a lineup of sophisticated non-alcoholic beverages for adults. Try some of these at your next party: Gale's Root Beer made in the USA. GuS Sodas made in the USA. Fentimans from England. Maine Root sodas from Maine. **O Drinks** made in the USA. Spindrift fruit flavored seltzers and sodas. Fresh and light and made in the USA.

A tall glass of iced tea is a summertime classic. Here are a few of the ready to drink bottled teas we offer: **Inko's** made in the USA Tea's Tea from Japan. Honest Tea made in the USA San Benedetto from Italy.

For more information about the beverages we stock please contact your sales rep.





# Under the Dome by Jeff Babcock, Cheese Specialist

### Cocina Selecta



Centuries ago cheesemaking came to Latin America through the influence of

Spain. The traditions of Spain were blended with the appetites and cuisines of Central America, but particularly in Mexico. Over the years, different styles of cheese were

crafted and some became famous, following the cuisine of the people. Through *Cocina Selecta* we have many of these flavors available.

Of the Mexican-style cheeses, *Queso Fresco* is one of the most popular. Known for its crumbly texture and mild sweet flavor, it has a pro-

file not altogether different than Feta. It is excellent crumbled over a crisp salad of jicama, avocado and cucumbers, but very traditional



as a topping for tacos and refried beans.

*Queso Blanco*, a traditional white cheese, has a slightly curdy texture and mild flavor. As it warms it becomes creamier with a mild sweet flavor but retains most of its structure when heated. Thus it has value when stuffed into different recipes, but also can be used in frying to retain its shape. Use it in burger patties, grilled cubes on kebobs or fried strips work very nicely, or dusted with spices and wrapped in bacon for an easy appetizer. *Queso Asadero* is the broiler or roasting cheese, which is often used as an ingredient in Queso



Fundido, a dish similar to Fondue. The cheese becomes stringy, even gooey, when melted, a great place to dip fresh fried tortillas! The mild flavor can be augmented with spicy pepper or chorizo.

Another of the most popular

is *Queso Quesadilla*, known for its great melting qualities. Best known for its namesake dish the simple tortilla shell with melted cheese! The cheese however is very versatile and can replace other cheeses in applications where a good melting cheese is needed.

Originally from the south of Mexico, *Queso Oaxaca* is a semi-soft sweet and mild cheese with a string-like texture found in stretched curd cheeses. It can be fun to pull apart and eat simply out of hand, but also melt strands into other dishes.

Known as the 'Parmesan of Mexico', *Queso Cotija* is a dry and slightly salty cheese, ideal for

grating and as a garnish to many dishes. Originating in the Cotija region of Mexico, it has become a traditional table cheese, where it



can be added to oil for dipping or try rolling corn on the cob in it!

6447389	Queso Asadero	1/10 lb
8073009	Queso Cotija	1/10 lb
1698838	Queso Oaxaca	12/12 oz
1698899	Queso Quesadilla	1/10 lb
1836796	Queso Fresco	1/10 lb
1698905	Queso Blanco	1/10 lb

Wild and Unique Foods by Tim Doyle, Meat & Game Specialist Better than Baloney



Few Americans have had the pleasure of a true, brick-oven baked, Italian style Mortadella. This smoked sausage originated in Bologna, Italy and is the original from which the slang name baloney came. The classic Mortadella was first created around 1376, in monasteries. Citterio Mortadella with Pistachio is still made in the authentic original manner.

It is made with ground beef and pork, and cubes of pork fat and special seasonings. First the Salumieri carefully selects the finest ingredients to ensure the greatest flavor and aroma. This becomes readily apparent in every rich slice, from the wholesome texture of finely ground pure meat, to the wonderful natural taste. The unique flavor of Mortadella Citterio is enhanced through slow roasting in traditional ovens. The delicate accents from hand selected spices are gently roasted into to the ham in an unhurried process.





Mortadella is most popular in thin slices loosely rolled for snacking or, my favorite way to eat, generously layered in a sandwich. Use in sandwiches, salads, and antipasti. Mortadella goes well with all the Life in Provence spreads, and cornichons are a must. Life in Provence Aioli Garlic spread with Mortadella and pistachio will rock your taste buds. It can also be put on pizza or casseroles. Enjoy!







# For the Pastry Chef Karl Helfrich, Pastry Specialist



#### New from Miller Baking: Pretzel Mini Slider Buns!

We're happy to be adding these slider-sized pretzel buns to our selection of Miller Baking products. They weigh 1.4 oz each and are approximately 2" in diameter.



By crafting them to be light and airy, while retaining great pretzel taste, Pretzilla buns are truly a fresh take on traditionally heavy pretzel rolls.

Since 1923, Miller Baking Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin has been hand-crafting old world recipes. It's only fitting that they've taken a 12<sup>th</sup> century invention – the pretzel – and reinvented it into the most delicious bun of our time!

2687202	Pretzel Mini Slider Bun	12/12 ct
2687212	Pretzel Hamburger Bun	10/6 ct
2687295	Pretzel Sausage Bun	12/6 ct
1356355	Soft Pretzel Bites	3/2 lb



New from Capfruit: Bergamot Puree The bergamot is a citrus fruit with pale green flesh covered with yellow peel that, when the fruit is ripe is thick and perfectly

smooth. Mainly grown in Calabria in southern Italy,

the fruit's peel and oil are highly prized by the perfume and agro food industries. The juice has a strong, fruity aroma full of character, and the purée captures all this fruity flavor with all



the sweetness coming only from the sugars naturally present in the fruit.



Introducing the **Gluten-Free** version of our popular FlaxSnax muffin mix!

Now you can serve people with gluten sensitivity a healthy & delicious alternative to wheat-based breakfast pastries.



Its hearty, nutty flaxseed flavor is moist and balanced with high notes of apples and cinnamon. You can add dried cranberries, blueberries, choco-

late chips or any inclusion you can think of. You won't believe how something that tastes this great can be so good for you too.

Flaxseed is the base of both FlaxSnax mixes, and ounce per ounce, it is one of the richest sources of Omega fatty acids known in nature.

2004657	Gluten-Free Muffin Mix	4/56 oz
0797334	Original Muffin Mix	1/28.32 lb

### **Two New Cracker Lines**

Introducing two new lines of crackers from American Life Baking Group. American Life Baking Group is a Chicago-based company with over 35 years in the baking business. Their mission is to provide to discerning customers, naturally innovative specialty baked products.

Up first is the Earth and Sun Crisps. Made from organic ancients grains and non GMO ingredients these crackers are a creative alternative to



a simple cracker. They are packed with hearty ingredients like raisins, cranberries, figs, nuts and seeds. These delicious natural, artisan crisps are a perfect complement to your favorite cheese, wine and dips. Or enjoy them on their own as a snack.



3509819	Raisin & Fig Crisps	8/6 oz
3509914	Fruit & Seed Medley with	
	Pecan Crisps	8/6 oz
3509945	Apricot Blueberry Crisps	8/6 oz

Up next is their La Tuscany line. This line is not only delicious it is also nutritious. Recently designed by an



award winning European Master Baker and holder of multiple PhDs these artisan crackers are made with extra virgin olive oil and all natural ingredients and they are preservative and GMO free.



3509702Multi Grain Cheddar Crackers8/5.5 oz3509928Cranberry & Cracked Pepper<br/>Crackers8/5.5 oz

### **Super Premium Oatmeal**

Introducing Umpqua Oats. Simply put Umpqua Oats is oatmeal in a cup, but this oatmeal really is so much more. Umpqua Oats gourmet super premium oatmeal does not contain any processed or gluten ingredients, and the ingredients used are all kosher-certified and awaiting certification from the Non-GMO Project. The benefit of Umpqua Oats over instant oatmeal is that the brand uses the whole hulled grain, rather than processed "instant" oats, providing more fiber in addition to better texture. There's also less sugar than sweetened instant oats.

Founded in Oregon by two moms and now headquartered in Las Vegas, Umpqua Oats was one of the first purveyors to provide a quick-cooking, single-serve oatmeal product based on high-quality ingredients for taste and satiety.

Today's consumer wants a fast, healthy, on-the-go meal. Umpqua Oats is the easy and delicious solution to unattractive steam tables, time-consuming topping bars, and prep and clean-up costs! Everything is in the cup! Just add hot water, wait three minutes and enjoy! Now available from European Imports, Inc. in two delicious flavors:



**3539289 Kick Start Oatmeal 12/2.73 oz** *Blueberries, cranberries, almonds, walnuts and flax seeds.* 



**3539311** Mostly Sunny Oatmeal12/2.58 ozCranberries, raisins and apples.

### New Foodservice Selections:

#### The Perfect Flour for Any Recipe

**Molino Pasini S.p.A.** has been active in the milling sector for over 80 years, with the founding family still at its helm. Devotion to quality is surely the most distinctive characteristic of Molino Pasini's philosophy; the Company guarantees a high level of quality in all of its products.

**Molino Pasini** produces high quality flours for many different applications, combining skilled craftsmanship with the most advanced analysis and research technologies. Raw material choice is the first step on the road to quality, and Molino Pasini only uses the best grains available. Where the flour is produced is also controlled. Production takes place in an up-to-date plant, to which a new production facility has recently been added for high technology content processes.

**Molino Pasini's** flours are now available from European Imports, Inc.:

**3372410 La Tua Farina 00 Flour 10/1 Kg** *00 Pizza Flour is ideal for a variety of pizza applications.* 





0780359 00 Pasta D'Oro Flour 10/1 Kg 0780314 Pasta D'Oro Flour 1/55 Lb You can easily create a variety of fresh pastas with 00 Pasta Flour.

3372420 Gnocchi Mix 10/14.1 oz

Made with Dutch potato flakes, this mix is designed for cold kneading.



0774820 00 Pizza Flour Verde 1/55 Lb

00 Pizza Flour is ideal for use in Brick Oven or Wood Burning Stoves.

#### 3331412 Tasty Joy Rice Paper 12 inch Rounds

**50/12 oz** These spring roll wrappers are dry and they are quite brittle until rehydrated (by soaking for a



few seconds in water). They can be used as is, re-hydrated, fried or sautéed.

#### 3534080 Pearl River Mushroom Soy Sauce 12/5 Lb

Mushroom soy sauce starts from naturally brewed top quality soy beans and premium Chinese black mushrooms. The mushrooms are boiled together with the soy and left to sit and meld together.

### 3533889

# Koon Chun Plum Sauce 6/5 Lb

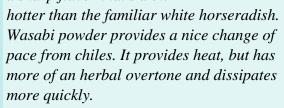
Plum sauce is a viscous, light brown sweet and sour condiment. It is used in Chinese cuisine as a dip for deep-fried dishes, such



as spring rolls, egg rolls, noodles, as well as for roast duck.

#### 7139488 Hime Wasabi Powder 12/1 oz

Wasabi is a variety of green horseradish, the powder has a sharp flavor that's a bit





## Line Extensions



	Replacements:	
3549808	Garlic Powder	6/5 oz
Replaces 5636206 packed 6/6 oz		
3549815	Hungarian Hot Paprika	6/4 oz
	783220 packed 6/5 oz	
3549829	Hungarian Paprika	6/4 oz
Replaces 7	777287 packed 6/5 oz	
3549845	Ground Cinnamon	6/3.5 oz
Replaces 1	700366 packed 6/4 oz	

#### New to the Wellaby's Gluten Free line:







New to the line: Spreads for Cheese. With a thicker, more spreadable consistency, these spreads were created to complement all sorts of cheeses.

3531850 Black Cherry Spread for Cheese 6/7.9 oz



3531551 Purple Fig Spread for Cheese 6/7.9 oz



New to the Mestemacher line:

#### 3533866 Protein Bread 9/8.8 oz

Protein Bread is a whole grain bread with 3.2 times the amount of protein and 82% less carbohydrate than standard wholegrain bread. Low carb and high protein.



### Specialty Grocery Imported from Italy Cucina Viva Takes Tapenade to the Max











**Cucina Viva** is the producer of many unique products available exclusively from European Imports, Inc. and now they are adding tapenade to the list.

But, Cucina Viva's tapenades are not your run of the mill tapenades. Cucina Viva tapenades are packed with unique flavors in convenient 2 section plastic trays. Olive-based tapenades are ubiquitous in Italian cuisine and are documented in ancient Roman cookbooks dating back thousands of years. Cucina Viva tapenades can be used as an appetizer, served with crackers, crusty bread or crudités. They can also be used as a condiment to breathe new life into your sandwiches and panini.

3375064 Olive Tapenade 20/2.82 oz Serve this thick olive spread with game dishes,



baked chicken, crostini or soft chesses or use it as a stuffing for mushrooms.



3375072 Olive and Artichoke Tapenade 20/2.82 oz This artichoke

and olive tapenade is absolutely delicious. And addictive. Wow your guests with a simple gourmet appetizer of tapenade and crostini.



3375088 Olive and Eggplant Tapenade 20/2.82 oz

This spread is a dream for egg-

plant and olive lovers. This rich olive spread features creamy and delicious eggplant. Serve it simply with crackers or crusty bread for the perfect nibble to accompany late summer drinks.

3375103 Olive and Hot Pepper Tapenade 20/2.82 oz Looking to add some heat to your



dishes. Look no further than this spicy spread. The spicy flavor of this tapenade enhances the taste of pasta, pizza, meat or fish. It is also perfect for seasoning tomato based sauces.



3375146 Pesto Basil and Pine Nut Tapenade 20/2.82 oz This thick spread is made from

chopped basil, pine nuts and Grana Padano cheese. It is simply incredible on pasta, bread, grilled meat or fish. It can also be used as a marinade for chicken or meat, as a final garnishing in soups or an ingredient in scrambled eggs.

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