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Pictured: Joan's on Third, a gourmet retailer in Los Angeles

Stagnito
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beverage aisle

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Hot Drink Mixes

Café Orzo

Café Orzo is a caffeine-free hot beverage made of organic roasted barley. Reminiscent of coffee, it has a rich, nutty flavor that has been popular in Italy for centuries.

Two Leaves and a Bud, Aspen, Colo., sources the heirloom barley from a cooperative of small farms along Italy's Adriatic Coast. Café Orzo is available in both a ground form and a liquid concentrate form for foodservice. Each 12-ounce package contains 48 servings and has a suggested retail price of \$7.99. For more information, call 970-927-9911 or visit www.twoleavesandabud.com.



Gourmet du Village

Gourmet du Village's Mulling Box contains six sachets of mulling spices for hot wine or hot apple cider. Each box, which also includes recipes, has a suggested retail price of \$5.99.

The Morin Heights, Quebec-based company also has redesigned its Bistro White Hot Chocolate Server, made entirely of white porcelain. It comes gift-boxed with a long-handled stainless steel mixing spoon and two pouches of Gourmet du Village Bistro Dark Hot Chocolate Mix. Embossed on the front of the server is the French word for chocolate: *chocolat*. The Gourmet du Village Bistro Dark Hot Chocolate Mix contains morsels of dark chocolate. Each set has a suggested retail price of \$22.99.

For more information, call 800-668-2314 or visit www.gourmetduvillage.com.



King's Cupboards

King's Cupboards, Red Lodge, Mont., has added Three Chilies Chocolate Chunk Hot Chocolate to its line of hot chocolate mixes. This spicy blend mixes jalapeño, chipotle and cayenne peppers with chocolate chunks to create the perfect combination of hot and sweet. It is kosher dairy-certified. Each 8-ounce tin has a suggested retail price of \$9.99. For more information, call 800-962-6555 or visit www.kingscupboard.com.



Holiday Drinking Chocolate

All-Natural Drinking Chocolate and All-Natural Holiday Drinking Chocolate with Mint are the newest drinking chocolates from Indianapolis-based Endangered Species Chocolate. Both come in 12-ounce containers, pictured, bars and pouches as part of Endangered Species Chocolate's Holiday Collection. The drinking chocolates are available year-round, as is a shipper display. Each tin has a suggested retail price of \$7.99. For more information, call 317-387-4372 or 800-293-0160 or visit www.chocolatebar.com.



Rishi Tea

Rishi Tea, Milwaukee, Wis., received a 2010 silver soft award from the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade for its Masala Chai Concentrate, which is organic and Fair Trade-certified. Proceeds from each sale of the concentrate benefit Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Program. Rishi Tea's Masala Chai Concentrate also is fat-free, gluten-free and vegan- and kosher-certified. The suggested retail price is \$5.99. For more information, call 414-747-4001 or visit www.rishi-tea.com.



Bellagio Epicurean

Caffe D'Amore, Monrovia, Calif., won "Best in Show" in the Food & Beverage category for its new Bellagio Epicurean line at Coffee Fest New York/New Jersey in March. This line includes an Unsweetened Baking Cocoa, Sweet Ground Chocolate, Freeze Dried Espresso, and a Vanilla and Chocolate Gelato Starter. Suggested retail prices for the items range from \$8.95 for the 9-ounce Sweet Ground Chocolate to \$12.70 for the 4.25-ounce Freeze Dried Espresso. The 6-ounce Unsweetened Cocoa is \$11.90, while the 12-ounce Vanilla Bean Gelato is \$10.95, and the 16-ounce Decadent Chocolate Gelato is \$11.70. For more information, call 800-999-0171 or visit www.caffedamore.com. **GR**

