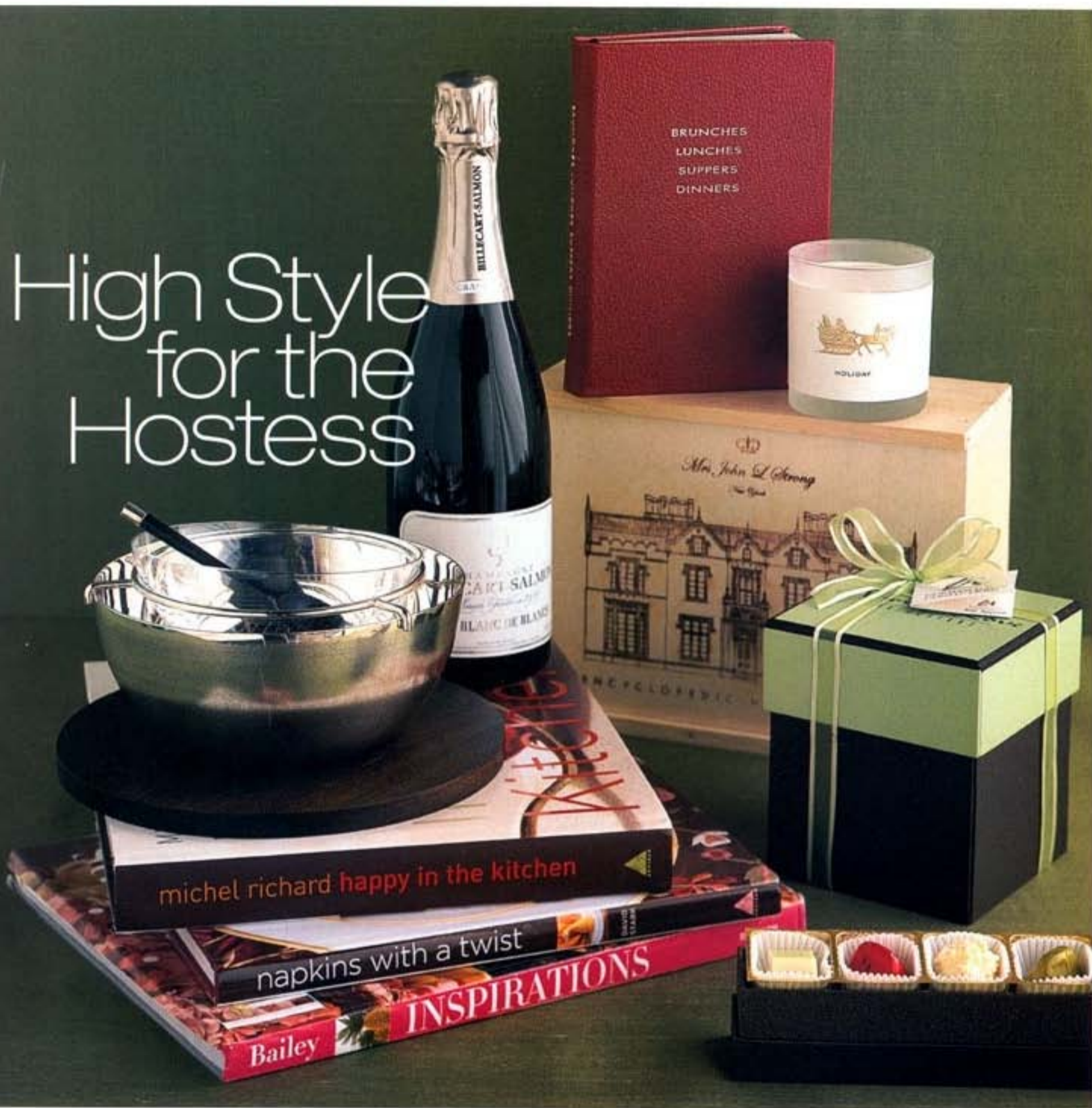


High Style for the Hostess



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: Preston Bailey's *Inspirations* (\$45), published by Bulfinch Press, 800/759-0190. David Stark's *Napkins With a Twist* (\$19.95) and Michel Richard's *Happy in the Kitchen* (\$45), both published by Artisan, 212/254-5900. *Jacaranda large caviar bowl* (\$1,280) by Puiforcat through Hermès, 800/441-4488. Billecart-Salmon *Champagne Brut Blanc de Blancs* (\$80) through V. Richards Market, 205/591-7000. *Brunches, Lunches, Suppers, Dinners* (\$260) by Smythson of Bond Street, 866/769-8476. Mrs. John L. Strong's *Encyclopedic Holiday Box* (\$125); includes two holiday tablets, Tennessee cedar pencils, and a holiday scented candle (shown on top of box); 212/838-3775. *Norman Love Confections* (\$63.50 for a 36-piece assorted box and \$22 for a 10-piece assorted box), 239/561-7215. **Background:** Veranda Silk by Groundworks through Lee Jofa, to the trade, 800/453-3563.