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## Not too early for some holiday cheer

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Is it too soon to write a holiday column? Nah! I'm already receiving some splendid wine-related stocking stuffers to share with you.

Govino has produced some seriously nifty wine glasses that I think are incredibly and utterly awesome. It's a brilliant alternative to breakable glassware and glassware too expensive for the dishwasher (especially if the dishwasher's name is Phillip Silverstone). The Govino Dishwasher-Safe wine glass is the ideal way to enjoy all types of wine if more ornate stemware isn't available, or in settings where breakable glass is simply not feasible. Made from a lightweight, food-safe, BPA-free polymer, Govino's wine glass showcases a wine's color and projects its aromatics in much the same way as crystal. The glass is also reusable and recyclable, and features Govino's patented thumb-notch for a firmer grip on your libation. There are various shapes and sizes including the 16 ounce and 12 ounce wine glass, 8 ounce flute and 16 ounce beer glass. They all sell for \$19.95 for a set of 4. For more information, check <http://govinowine.com>.

When I was quite young back in the United Kingdom my holiday time treat was a small glass of Cherry Heering Cherry Brandy mixed with some Warninks Advokaat, a yellow drink terribly thick and rich made from eggs, sugar and brandy. Quite a concoction but totally yummy, I enjoyed the drink in a country where I began drinking legally at 17 and was, like most kids in Europe, given a taste of things to come at half that age. With those memories still fondly etched in the cobwebs of mental snapshots from the halcyon days of my life, I was thrilled to discover Berentzen Cherry Liqueur. It's quite light, delightfully fruity and with enough fresh, sweet cherry flavor to elevate it from the medicinal taste some cherry flavored liqueurs might bring to mind. Frankly, I tried it on the rocks and I was a very happy bunny. But, I also tried the recipe that Berentzen provided to me for Berentzen Oktoberfest. You need a bottle of stout or porter beer and Bitter Truth Chocolate Bitters. If you like the taste of bitter chocolate with a touch of herbs and spices, you have a delicious treat in this bottle. And here's the perfect recipe for the holiday season, or tomorrow, whichever comes first:

### Berentzen Oktoberfest

1 ounce Berentzen Cherry Liqueur

2 dashes Bitter Truth Chocolate Bitters

Stout/porter

Add ingredients to beer-filled glass; light stir and enjoy!

For other flavors and recipes from Berentzen, check <http://berentzenusa.com>



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