

the gift guide

Eddie Bauer's down **Quilted Field Vest** hits the mark if you want rugged sportsman style. \$99; eddiebauer.com

Go-anywhere winter wear: **Mountain Khakis' Flannel-Lined Original Mountain Pants**. \$90; mountainkhakis.com

Anyone would be happy to have **Victorinox's six-tool Soldier Knife** in the backcountry. \$58; swissarmy.com

Freestyle's Submerston is a burly and well-priced dive watch depth-rated to 200 meters. \$125; freestyleusa.com

L.L.Bean's merino-wool-lined **Buckskin Chopper Mitts** are as tough as they are warm. \$49; llbean.com

Rule 7: Raise a Proper Toast

Spirits are the season's easiest go-to, but make sure you know the recipient's tastes. If it's Scotch, we suggest you splurge: **The Glenlivet Nàdurra Triumph 1991** is our new favorite (\$85; theglenlivet.com). Wine can be tough to nail, so go for a critics' choice, like the 2005 Adobe Road Syrah (\$38; adoberoadwines.com), which *Wine Spectator* gave 92 points. A fine sipping tequila, like Herradura Añejo (\$50; herradura.com), is unbeatable; if you're mixing, you want a good blanco (see page 118). Specialty brew is a safe bet as well. Beer-On-The-Wall.com ships hard-to-find domestic bombers, like Stone Brewing's Vertical Epic Ale (\$10) and Global Brew 12-pack samplers (\$33).