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Good Stuff

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Barbara's Hand-Made Cookie Pie (Barbara's™s)

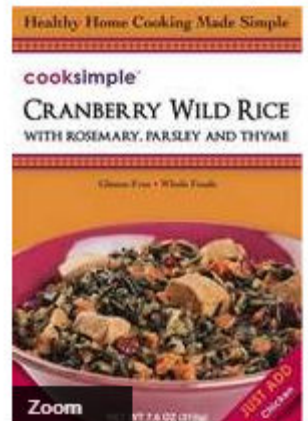
One good dessert

Here's a clever addition to your holiday menu. Considered a cookie within a cookie, Barbara's Hand-Made Cookie Pies are made with an authentic butter cookie dough that is filled with cookie and candy toppings. They may look like a pie, but eat like a cookie. Available in 15 flavors — from Peanut Butter Cup to Rocky Road to Almond Joyful — the price is \$19.50. Visit www.barbarascookiepies.com for a complete menu and to order.

One good mix

Here's a gluten-free side from cooksimple.com that will appeal to everyone at your [Thanksgiving](#) table. Cooksimple's line of all-natural meal kits includes Cranberry Wild Rice, a delicious balance of lightly sweetened cranberries and deep flavors of wild rice and mushroom accented with rosemary, parsley and thyme.

The dish takes less than 30 minutes to prepare, and all cooksimple products are gluten-free with no artificial additives, preservatives or added sugars and by simply adding diced turkey or [chicken](#), it becomes a complete meal. Serve it cold as a salad or warm as a stew. Each cooksimple kit retails for \$4.99 and yields 4-5 servings. Available at Mills Pharmacy & Apothecary in Birmingham, or online at <http://www.thehealthypantry.com/default/meals>.



One good brew

Jim Koch, founder and brewer of Samuel Adams, is always striving to take beer to new heights. Ten years ago he introduced Utopias, a blend of distinctive malts and hops fermented with champagne yeast with no carbonation and aged in single-use bourbon casks. The result was a rich, ruby cordial with vanilla and maple notes and an alcohol content of 27 percent. The 10th anniversary Utopias rival the finest cognac and aged Sherry, but are still refreshingly light. Packaged in a black decanter shaped like a copper brew kettle, there are 15,000 bottles of the 10th anniversary batch available for a suggested retail price of \$190 per bottle.

Still, it makes the perfect gift for that special someone — or even yourself as a nice reward.