



Great Father's Day Gift Ideas

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Spice It Up

Of course, most dads like to get happy with the seasonings now and again. How many times has your dad delivered to the table something that, through injudicious application of salt or hot spices, been rendered nigh on to inedible?

There's a simple way to avoid this: Make sure the spices they get their paws on are only the best stuff, preferably pre-mixed so they don't have the urge to go nuts.

In that spirit, I've got two more additions to our gift list that would make great additions to any Father's Day gift basket or box of meat.

The first is [Mikey's Marinade](#). Now those of you who have read this column for any period of time know that I'm not much on store-bought marinades. I can mix my own out of fresher ingredients and control the taste to my own satisfaction. However, Mikey's has now earned a permanent place in my cupboard.

Michael Romano, the "Mikey" of the name, is possessed of an almost unfair culinary pedigree: He's a well-traveled Italian who also happens to be a sommelier. With a confluence of experience like that, it's no wonder at all that he's produced a marinade that is one of the finest I've ever tasted, including my own concoctions.

I'd love to tell you what it tastes like, but I can't. It has a flavor unlike any marinade or sauce I've ever tasted. It's rich, with hints of herbs and spices that seem to change as you eat. It's good on just about everything, too.