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Covetable chocolate and after-dinner tipples we're sweet on

035/MERULA OLIVE OIL

Named after the blackbirds that hang around Spanish olive groves, Merula oil is a blend of Arbequina, Hojiblanca, Picual and Morisca olives. The tin, by branding agency Design Bridge, features a silhouette of the bird on a background of custom-mixed olive-silver. *Extra virgin olive oil, £9, by Merula, from Tom's Deli, 226 Westbourne Grove, London W2, tel: 44.20 7221 8818*

036/RETRO CHOCOLATE

German chocolatier Most eschews modern printing techniques and stamps each of its Kuvertüre wrappers with a vintage-style logo. Charming retro packaging like this makes us want to throw all our healthy intentions out of the window and cover all our fruits in delicious glossy chocolate. *Kuvertüre, €22.50 for 1kg, by Most Chocolat, from Feinkost Käfer, www.feinkost-kaefer.de*

037/PASTA MEASURER

Food wastage is one of today's biggest eco crimes, so it's good to see designers doing their bit. Measuring out spaghetti in servings for two, three and four, Serge Atallah's Spaghetti Dozer ensures no sticky strands are left languishing in the pan. *Spaghetti Dozer, €13.75, by Serge Atallah, for Normann Copenhagen, tel: 45.35 55 44 59 (Denmark), www.normann-copenhagen.com*

038/CHOCOLATE VODKA

We know Pancraccio best for its innovative chocolate creations by Cadiz-based designer Pedro Alvarez. His latest offering combines two of his favourite things – vodka and chocolate. The distilled liqueur is infused with the flavour of Pancraccio chocolate, and can be drunk straight or in a chocopolitan. *Chocolate vodka, €18, by Pancraccio, tel: 34.956 252 451 (Spain), www.pancraccio.com*

039/PARMESAN GRATER

It may seem to defy logic, but this porcelain Parmesan grater is so tough it would cause sparks if you ground metal against it. And taking a shape that would make a minimalist's heart crumble, this is solid proof that functional can be beautiful. *Porcelain grater, €19.50, by René Sieber, from Pension für Produkte, tel: 49.40 380389 72 (Germany), www.pensionfuerprodukte.de*

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