

Staff Picks

1. Wonderstate Coffee Ethiopia Natural Process Local roaster Wonderstate puts supreme craft into all their coffees and this is the one that got me hooked on them. Light roasts are not for everyone and East African coffees tend to be the brightest of the bunch. However, Wonderstate has worked their magic and found a way to keep your cup smooth & mellow while still letting you taste all the cool flavors that come in a light roast. Give it a try!!!
- Andrew

2. Greenbush Bakery Blueberry Sour Cream Cake Donuts These are the best donuts! Freshly made in Madison & Kosher Certified, they're cakey and crispy, and the blueberry is classic. I think the sour cream also gives them a nice tanginess and texture. One of these with a cold brew is a pretty heavenly breakfast treat.
- Lacey

3. Califia Farms Oat Milk Barista Blend I haven't used my usual vegan creamer at all since trying Califia's oat milk barista blend. I mainly use it in cold brew and tea, but I've made latte's with it as well. It truly is coffee shop-quality.
- Melissa

4. Organic Strawberries We all love them, but did you know that strawberries are not actually a berry? Nor are they straws! (Insert blown-mind meme) But let's not get too existential, because these edible fruits are exactly that; edible and fruit!
- Jordan

5. Karthaus House Plants I adore these plants! The co-op carries everything from the house plant staples potohs and sansevieria to the more unusual varieties like zamioculcas zamiifolia. Every week the availability is different and that makes it really exciting to see what kind of new plants arrive! By far my favorite plant purchase has been the 6 inch split leaf philodendron. It has at least tripled in size since I bought it 2 years ago! Green up your living space with some happy plants from the co-op. You will make you happy!
- Abigail

6. Madison Sourdough Pepitas Polenta Bread This bread is so good I even eat it plain! The polenta makes it soft and fluffy on the inside with sage and pumpkin seeds swirling around. Great for snacking with cheese or as sandwich croutons. It also makes the best croutons!
- Hallie

7. Mont Gravet Rose Fresh and fruit-forward dry Rosé wine with lovely aromas of raspberry and blackberry and is full body and long on the palate. This Rosé is a wonderful "anytime" wine and a delicious aperitif. It pairs well with a wide variety of foods, as it's refreshing, savory and well-balanced. It will accompany beautifully any salads, fish, BBQ and white meat dishes.
- Jess

8. Bonne Maman Raspberry Preserves The town that Andros Company — the makers of Bonne Maman — comes from hid and saved Jewish families in WW2. It was called Biars sur Cere, France, which then had about 800 villagers. They put themselves in great danger to conceal these families from Nazi capture. Also, I like raspberry preserves with seeds!
- Amy

9. Mad Maiden Shrubs- Honey Ginger or Cranberry I love the label and it's local! Drinking vinegars are still employed for their valuable digestive properties. "It's thought that they help with losing weight and remedying fatigue, and they are consumed daily by many across Asia."
- Jess

10. Renards 2 Year Sharp White Cheddar I'm obsessed with this cheese. It is hands-down one of the absolute best cheddars we have here at the Co-op. Aged, very reasonably priced, local, and sharp yet smooth. I love this for grilled cheeses, on eggs in the morning, or mixed in with my pizza blend. It's also a great addition to any charcuterie board! Seriously, just try it, you'll be hooked too!
- Games

12. Kalamazoo Candle Company They smell so great! There are so many scents to pick from and the smell is not overwhelming like some scented candles. They burn so nicely!! Makes a perfect gift.
- Abigail

14. Rally Energy Mints I like to call these my MOM MINTS. For moments when you want a boost but don't want to drink a cup of coffee. 6pm rolls around and I start to wonder how ill make it through books and bed time with my 6 year old. These caffeinated mints help me tackle that without keeping me up all night!
- Hallie

15. Bubbie's Pure Kosher Dill Pickles I've done the pickle taste test for you, and these are the winner. They're crispy, savory, and addicting. The brine is really good in Bloody Marys too.
- Lacey

13. Pranarom Hydrosol Hydrosols are one of my favorite skincare products. They are a nice blend of botanicals and essential oils, giving the skin refreshing hydration. I spritz this on my face every night before bed. I attribute the aromatherapy aspect of the hydrosol to a relaxing night time routine.
- Alanna

16. Fever Tree Ginger Ale + Ginger Beer These come in 4-packs and they are just the perfect size for mixers or on their own!
- Jess

