(Makes about 2 pints or 4 cups)

INGREDIENTS

DIRECTIONS

cooking pot. Add

apple juice, both

1 1/4 cups apple juice 1/4 cup cider vinegar

1/4 cup red wine vinegar

½ teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon sea salt

1 box (1.75 ounces) fruit pectin 2 cups granulated sugar

Holiday Red Onion Jam

2 large red onions, peeled and thinly sliced (4-5 cups)

1 teaspoon powdered sage (or poultry seasoning)

Spicing Up Your Condiment Selection

By Susie Iventosch



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Holiday Red Onion Jam

ney. I just love them on almost any- when it is finished – just perfect for thing from turkey to curry to crostini festive menus. with goat cheese and cream cheese. One day, a friend sent a jar of her found online, but I reduced the white homemade yellow onion jam home sugar, increased the brown sugar and with my husband and my condiment added sea salt, cider vinegar and a litassortment has never been the same. tle more sliced onions. Actually, you I finished the entire jar inside of a can add even more onions, if you like week ... all by myself! It is so delia little more texture in it. You can play cious, you can almost eat it by the with this recipe, too, to come up with spoonful. But, better to save it for a version perfect for you! your holiday entertaining. For this

Tasty Morsels, which can be found at Across

the Way in Moraga, www.amazon.com, and

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wo of my favorite condiments recipe, I used red onions, and the are cranberry sauce and chut- color is a beautiful burgundy red



Place sliced onions in a medium-sized

Photo Susie Iventosch

vinegars, sage, pepper, salt and This recipe is a variation of one I pectin. Stir well. Bring to full, rolling boil stirring constantly. Add white and brown sugars and stir well with a whisk. Bring to



boil again and boil for about 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Now you have to decide if you are going to can the jam or just put it in containers to refrigerate. I am not a canner, so I opt to pour it in glass jars or containers with tight-fitting lids, cool to room temperature and then refrigerate. Mixture will thicken as it cools. Once cooled, refrigerate until ready to use. Serve as an accompaniment to meats or roasts, or as a spread over cream or goat cheese for an appetizer. It would also be delicious spread over boneless, skinless chicken breasts before baking or

If you opt to can this jam, then pour mixture into sterilized jars immediately after removing from stove. Fill to within 1/4 inch of the tops and then follow the guidelines for canning that you normally do for jams and jellies.

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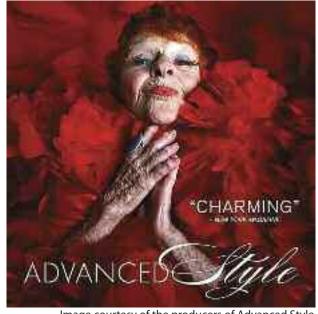


Image courtesy of the producers of Advanced Style t's the 2014 holiday season and our local fashion boutiques are ready to party.

J. Colleen in Lafayette kicks off the season with an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Owner Julie Rubio says sweaters and scarves are big holiday looks this year – hats, too. And don't forget jewelry! J. Colleen has an array of styles including the new delicate layered necklaces.

Santa's Bag Boutique returns Dec. 5-7 at the Lafayette Community Center. This year's boutique will include hot fashion accessories such as hand-woven scarves, handcrafted hats, and vintage-inspired jewelry, all made by local Bay Area artists. And Glamorous Boutique in Lafayette is marking three years in business with a Holiday Gift Show from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 6. In addition to great fashion jewelry and accessories, owner Eliza Jamkochian will offer soaps, body butter, and scrubs all custom-made with organic ingre-

Known as the local place to go for special occasion clothing, Glamorous Boutique is now also stocking day wear for women including the ever popular leggings. With added faux leather insets (for a slimmer silhouette), color blocking, and details such as zippers, leggings are a dressier option and can now easily go from day to evening. For afternoon shopping,

layer leggings with a soft cotton tunic and chunky sweater ing every day is a form and pair with boots or flats. Make a seamless transition to of art. There's much to Happy Hour or a holiday gathering with heels and an elegant be learned from these

Glamorous Boutique has also started a new personal shopping service. Sounds like the perfect self-gift idea to me. Jamkochian will come to your home with fashion ideas and after a consultation and a peek into your closet she will make suggestions on what current trends suit you and your lifestyle.

With the much needed wet weather lately (and with a bit style. of luck we'll have more), how about new rain gear to celebrate? Mycra Pac Designer Outerwear in Moraga will host their semi-annual sale Dec. 10-15.

Looking for other fashion-focused gift ideas? I am always reading fashion history books and one of my favorites this year was "Seven Sisters Style: The All American Preppy Look," by Rebecca C. Tuite (Rizzoli, 2014). Seven Sisters refers to the seven liberal arts women's colleges located in the Northeast United States such as Smith and Hilary Clinton's alma mater, Wellesley.

"Seven Sisters Style" tells the story of how, in the early 20th century, Seven Sisters students made great strides in getting away from the restrictions of fashion dictates, such as corsets. Borrowing from their male peers at Ivy League colleges, the young ladies adopted more casual and comfortable wear and eventually developed what is now called the Preppy Look. We all know what that is – Bermuda shorts, varsity sweaters, saddle shoes, Oxford shirts, plaid skirts. Preppy changes and evolves with each new generation but it retains its style identity and collegiate roots. Interesting narration and plenty of photos makes "Seven Sisters Style" a fascinating read on American fashion history.

Also this fall I was thrilled to see the Bay Area premiere of Advanced Style, a documentary featuring seven chic ladies of New York City who also happen to be mature (60s to 90s). The oh-so-popular Advanced Style was first a street style blog by photographer Ari Cohen, then it was a book and now it's a documentary available on DVD from Amazon.

The Advanced Style women are creative individuals who are less about current fashions and more about their own signature looks. They use color with abandon and don lots of chunky jewelry. They're not afraid of hats, they adore scarves, and appreciate a good vintage find. To them, dress-

fabulous women, not just about fashion but about aging and spirit and ... life.

Celebrate the season and go forth in

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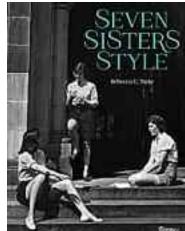


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