

Friday Favorites: July 10

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FAVORITE HEALTHY EATS



PHOTO: SNAP KITCHEN

Arriving just in time for the summer, the latest healthy chain to set up shop in Chicago is making it easy to pick up a healthy, freshly made meal on the go without compromising on taste or experiencing post-meal guilt. Snap Kitchen, with locations in Lakeview and Lincoln Park, caters to busy professionals by serving up classic restaurant-quality dishes that are nutritious, such as Grass-Fed Beef Sausage & Eggs (290 calories), Shrimp Fra Diavolo (280 calories, small) and the Grilled Kale "Hoppin John" (340 calories). Most of the time, I love to cook, but the rest of the time, I will probably be stocking up at Snap Kitchen.

FAVORITE ROSE



PHOTO: NINETY + CELLARS



I went on 90+ Cellars' first annual sunset rosé cruise around the Chicago River and Lake Michigan a few weeks ago and it opened my eyes to a whole new world of wine. After sipping on their 2014 vintage of Lot 33 Rosé from Languedoc, France for a solid 3 hours (but who's counting?), it definitely deserves a place in your summer wine rotation. With sweet aromas of strawberries and notes of white pepper, herbs and cotton candy, the rosé is best served with finger foods like Pears with Brie and Prosciutto or these Prosciutto, Melon and Mozzarella Skewers. The Lot 33 Rosé (SRP \$11.99) is also best paired with a pink dress, carefree attitude and a fun party.

FAVORITE PARTY FAVOR



PHOTO: CELEBRATE MAGAZINE

I'm not the best DIY-er, but there is one thing I do well and that is party favors. Next time I want to leave dinner party guests with a party gift, I'm taking the road paved by Celebrate Magazine with Citrus-Herb Salt party favors. Simply combine sea salt, citrus zest and some dried herbs in a decorative jar and tie with a ribbon. It's the perfect complement to any meal and a perfect token to ensure that your friends or family to remember a special event.

FAVORITE ICE CREAM CAKE



PHOTO: MARTHA STEWART

On Wednesdays at my office, we treat ourselves to "#CakeDay" wherein someone different brings a cake to work each week to share with the rest of the office. While there are only seven people in our office, #CakeDay has been a smashing success for the past few weeks. In thinking about what kind of cake I'll contribute when it's my turn, I came across a tiramisu ice cream cake from Martha Stewart Living that looks well worth all 90 billion calories. Tiramisu is easily one of my favorite desserts when it's made well and I have no doubt that Martha would ever lead us wrong.

FAVORITE PARTY CRUSH



PHOTO: JERRY RABINOWITZ

The truth is, I'm really obsessed with the now-defunct T.V. show Revenge, set in the Hamptons. I rewatch episodes regularly as background noise and if I could buy every piece of clothing that every woman on the show has ever worn and throw every party ever thrown on the show, I would do both of those things. Because I can't do that, I have Hamptons Entertaining: Creating Occasions to Remember (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$45), a new book by philanthropist and author Annie Falk, which provides readers with a seat at some of the most glamorous dinner parties on Long Island's East End. I feel confident that anyone could rival Victoria Grayson's parties with some of the tips from Annie Falk.

