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2005 Palazzo (\$55, St. Helena Wine Center, Vintage Wine Merchants) If the wine lover in your life is always seeking the next big thing, this gets them ahead of the curve. Scott **Palazzo's** Merlot-focused tribute to Bordeaux's right bank plays big with its layered fruit. Plenty of L.A. types come to Napa to strut their stuff, but **Palazzo**, a music video director by trade, spent several years in St. Emilion in his late teens and, for this latest venture, insisted on a hands-on winemaking role. His wines are getting plenty of attention - they're on the list at Michael Mina and the French Laundry - so 'tis the season to get them on your radar.