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Gift certificates can be lame—unless you can exchange them for a plate of Harold Dieterle's spicy duck meatballs

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For the celebrity-chef-obsessed, all roads lead to Harold Dieterle's West Village home Perilla

You've read all the splashy gift guides touting perfect presents like Uniqlo Argyle socks and Jack Spade travel Scrabble. But ask yourself: Does your boyfriend or boss or go-to cat sitter really want another bored game? This season, give them what they want: a table for two, on you. Here are options for every relationship in your life, from the vigilant vegetarian to your sister who watches way too much "Top Chef."

### Celebrity Chef Obsessed (part two): [Perilla](#)

In comparison, Perilla's the new kid on the West Village block, having opened this past May. Season one "Top Chef" winner Harold Dieterle is a kitchen recluse, so for those who swoon over this blue-eyed chef, he unfortunately makes few front-of-the-house calls. It never hurts to ask, but diners will be more likely distracted by the spicy duck meatballs with Okinawan yam (\$12) and wild-boar shank, pounded and pan-fried Milanese style (\$29).

**Average check for two:** \$115

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