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## CELEBRATING 100 ISSUES!

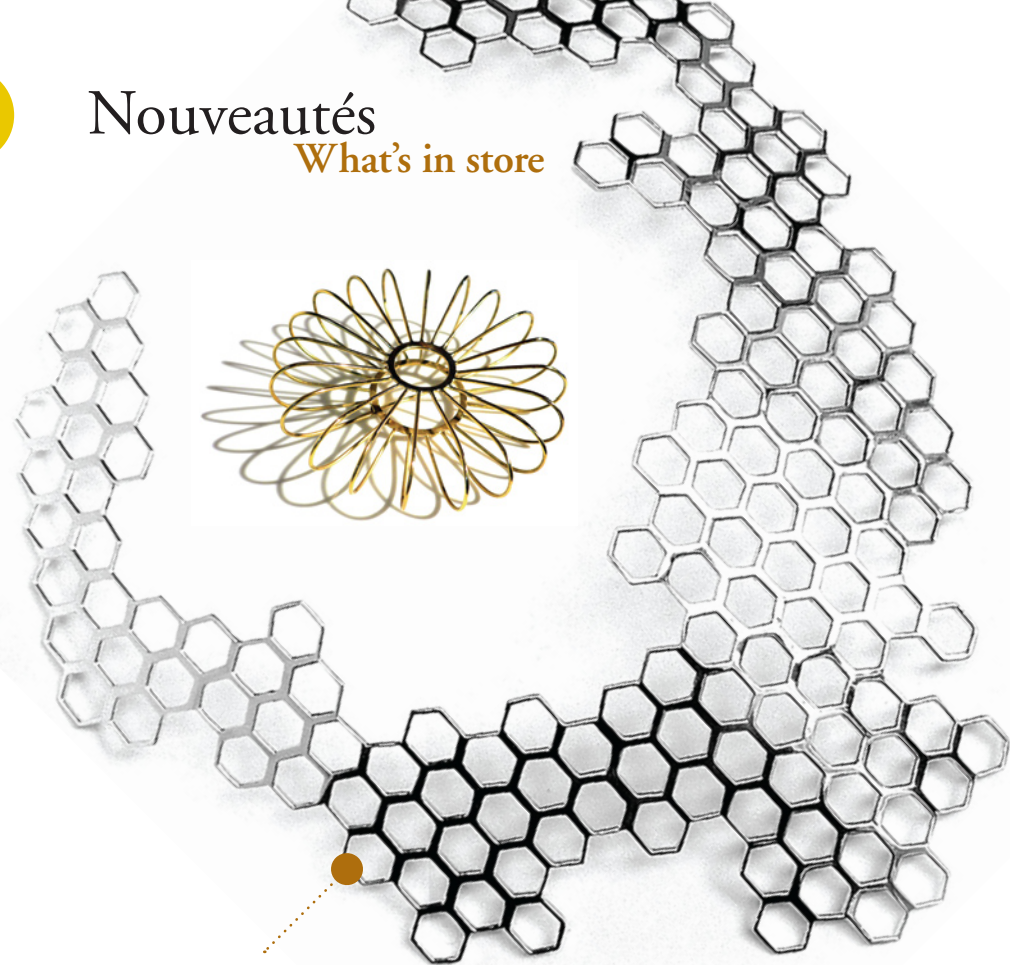
*A special FOOD & WINE issue dedicated to Jean-Louis Palladin*



"Rhubarbe et fraises à l'orange, pralines  
aux amandines" by Alain Passard



## Nouveautés What's in store



### PRECIOUS METALS

When they're not busy designing contemporary homes or furniture, architects Catherine Le Té and Thierry Blet are creating **JEWELRY** that they sell at their new rue Saint-Sulpice boutique, LeTéo&Blet. Elegant gold and silver pieces—some set with semiprecious stones or diamonds—explore geometric and organic shapes such as the honeycomb. €160 to €20,000; [leteoblet.com](http://leteoblet.com)

### LIGHT BRIGADE

Classic mid-century Finnish designs are given a 21st-century update by WoodLabo, a new company based in Bordeaux and Turku, Finland. Its dramatic "M\_Cocoon" **PENDANTS** designed by founder Gaël Wuithier are crafted by skilled artisans in France. [mywoodlabo.com](http://mywoodlabo.com)



### BIKER CHIC

And the winner of the yellow jersey is... Raphaëlle Bonamy, for the best overall use of bike parts. The young Southern French designer employs a unique bicycle chain mechanism to open and close the drawers of her pine "Gousset" **CHEST**. [bonamy.org](http://bonamy.org)



### HAPPY FEET

Keep your tootsies warm this winter with merino wool **SLIPPERS** from Armor Lux, the venerable Breton company that has been satisfying mariners' (and fashionistas') craving for sailor stripes since 1938. Rubberized crepe soles ensure you don't slip on deck. \$88; [jcrew.com](http://jcrew.com).

### BUBBLY BAUBLES

Water's many forms and characteristics—liquid, ice, snow, bubbles, waves—serve as the inspiration for "Eau Sensuelle," Lalique's first **FINE JEWELRY COLLECTION**. Luminous crystal cabochons and white or champagne diamonds give "Pétillante" rings their effervescence. Available in silver and gold. \$585 to \$3,840; [lalique.com](http://lalique.com).



### SHOVEL READY

Even the simplest ivies and philodendrons look stunning in François Clerc's Screen-Pots. With their laser-cut, leaf-shaped screens, these steel **PLANTERS** work both indoors and out. Produced by the high-end garden furnishings company De Castelli. [decastelli.it](http://decastelli.it)



### BUCKET LIST

They may look delicate, but L'Orfèvrerie d'Anjou's "sÖ Flower" **CHAMPAGNE BUCKETS**—inspired by the voluptuous form of the arum—can accommodate a single bottle, two bottles or even a magnum. Also worth a toast: the company's curvy new "SymbÖl" collection, whose gold interiors add warmth to the mix. From €306; [lorfevriedanjou.com](http://lorfevriedanjou.com).



### SEASONAL SCENTS

Diptyque's **WINTER COFFRET** brings the outside in. Presented in an elegant black, white and gold package, this limited-edition candle set offers the seductive aromas of wood smoke, pine and spicy pomander without the winter chill. \$84; [diptyqueparis.com](http://diptyqueparis.com).



### WE'RE LOVIN' IT

Aficionados of *le Big Mac* will soon have a more foie gras setting in which to consume their burgers and *frites*. Several French **McDonald's** restaurants are getting a facelift, courtesy of designer Patrick Norguet; his new look—lots of white with pops of color—has a contemporary graphic sensibility. The first has opened in Villefrance-de-Lauragais, near Toulouse; another six are in the works.

