



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S VEGAN!

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Costco Wedding

Don't want to compromise your dream vegan wedding but unable to afford an expensive affair? Instead of opting for a long engagement, consider trading costly caterers for a Costco membership! For lovely invitations with a personal touch, brush up on your calligraphy skills and create semi-homemade save-the-dates by purchasing stationery in bulk. Visit the Costco floral department for gorgeous flower arrangements and bouquets, including **Rainforest Alliance Certified Roses**.

To create an elegant menu for 200 of your closest friends, keep it simple. Appetizers such as **Frankly Fresh Stuffed Grape Leaves** and **Amy's Organic Minestrone Soup** are tasty and easy to prepare *en masse*, while a classic main course is made simple by combining **Garofalo**

Organic Whole Wheat Spaghetti with **Classico Organic Tomato, Herbs, and Spices**

For a DIY dessert, create a cupcake tower. Basic cupcake components, including whole-wheat flour, cocoa powder, **Silk Organic Vanilla Soymilk**, and **Wholesome Sweeteners Blue Agave**, are all available in bulk, as is **Maranatha Almond Butter** for a rich mousse topping. Finally, for vegan wine pairings and Champagne toasts, look no further than **Yellowtail Shiraz** and **Domaine Carneros Brut**. Need a non-alcoholic toast alternative? **Martinelli's Sparking Cider** should do the trick. Cheers!

Editorial Assistant Liz Miller doesn't see herself ever getting married but might buy Shiraz in bulk anyway, just to be safe.

Disclaimer: All foods mentioned in this article are vegan, but not necessarily good for your health—or ethics.

Ordering vegan cookies online doesn't only save you time, it helps save the environment. Research shows that online shopping uses 35 percent less energy than retail store counterparts.

Taste test

Delightful Deliveries

Dairy-free desserts are the great equalizer of plant-based food, as even the most skeptical Betty Crocker fan can't argue with delicious vegan brownies, cupcakes, or pie. While vegan bakeries are not yet as omnipresent in most cities as their traditional counterparts, a whole host of web-based bakers have emerged, offering cruelty-free confections to the masses. Whether you're too busy to whip up a birthday cake or need a box of brownies, stat, these online-only bakeries are guaranteed to get the job done.



PANEL FAVORITE

BRAND	Allison's Gourmet	Sweet V Confections	Gone Pie Bakery	Sweet Cheeks Vegan Bakery	Violet Sweet Shoppe
PRODUCT	Pecan Brownies	Oatmeal Cream Pies	Coconut Brownies (gluten-free)	Chocolate Strawberry Cupcakes	Lemon Poundcake With Strawberry Icing
CONTACT	allisonsgourmet.com	sweetvconfections.etsy.com	gonepie.com	sweetcheeksvb.com	violetsweetshoppe.com
PRICE	\$25.50/8x8-inch pan	\$11/15 pies	\$23/8x6-inch pan	\$35/one dozen	\$2.50/2x4-inch loaf
BONUS	Fudge-of-the-month club!	Unique products, great holiday treats	Specializes in gluten-free sweets	Six mouthwatering flavors are available	Uses local, organic, fair-trade ingredients
FEATURE WE LOVED	The fudgy, cakey flavor and chewy consistency	The tasty icing and soft, crumbly cookie combo	That these are gluten-free and absolutely to die for	That the rich cake is balanced with slices of fresh strawberries	The zesty, bright cake paired with the tangy, fruity frosting
BEST ENJOYED	With almond-milk ice cream	As a throwback lunchbox treat	With a chai latte as an afternoon snack	As dessert during a springtime picnic	With coffee, preferably after every meal