



» This handy cheese paper from Formaticum stops cheese drying out or going mouldy when stored in the fridge. Each sheet of coated paper has a porous plastic layer, letting the cheese breathe without moisture accumulating. Each pack contains 12 sheets of paper and handy labels. RRP\$15.99 Available from Ferro Fresh. Visit ferrofresh.co.nz



Heston for Christmas

UK chef Heston Blumenthal's famed Christmas puddings are available in New Zealand thanks to the new partnership between local gourmet food store Nosh and high end UK supermarket Waitrose. The deal, announced in October, will see up to 100 Waitrose-branded products on Nosh shelves by Christmas. One of the first of those is the pudding Heston Blumenthal created last year for Waitrose, and which sold out in just over a week, with tens of thousands flying off the shelves. The 'Heston from Waitrose Hidden Orange Christmas Pudding' has a whole candied orange hidden in the centre and serves 10-12 people. A smaller version has a candied clementine. RRP\$14.99 (227g) and \$49.99 (1.2kg). Visit noshfoodmarket.com for stores.

» Perfect for long summer days, the new Lemon, Ginger and Manuka honey concentrate from Lavender's Green is delicious added to sparkling, chilled mineral water, or on colder evenings with whiskey and hot water. It's made from Meyer lemons grown on Lavender's Green own beautiful rural Featherston property. RRP\$12.99 For stockists visit lavendersgreen.co.nz



» J Friend and Co. has gathered honey made from New Zealand's own Christmas tree, the Puhakukawa, for a real taste of a Kiwi Christmas. RRP\$9.95 Available from gourmet food stores.



» A little tart! New from Nelson's Old Mout Cidery is 'Cranberry & Cider' – a crisp apple cider combined with cranberry wine. Great as a fresh alternative with Christmas dinner, or use it in ham glazes or even the trifle. Available in supermarkets from late November.



» Mmmm... umami! Known as the 'fifth taste' (alongside sweet, sour, bitter and salty), umami is a Japanese word used to describe meaty, savoury flavours. Now, it's available in a rich paste that adds a savoury hit to a range of dishes. RRP\$19.90 Available from Jones the Grocer. Phone 09 522 9161.