



Uplands' Alpine-style Pleasant Ridge Reserve.

CHEESE, PLEASE

According to the folks at *Uplands Cheese Co.*, in Dodgeville, Wisconsin, great cheese comes from great milk. They use only the best of what their grass-grazing, hormone-free cows produce, and they begin turning it into their Pleasant Ridge Reserve within moments of milking. Nine months of aging reinforces the sweet and savory essences—wildflower, apricot, olive—that make this semihard cheese stand out among its American peers. With a smooth texture studded by salty crystals, and a subtle flavor that crescendos gradually from the first bite, it's mild enough to serve simply as an appetizer or a dessert course, but its Alpine style also makes it ideal for a rich fall fondue entrée. *\$18 per pound, plus shipping. 888-935-5558; uplandscheese.com.*

ZOE G. SETTLE

ROCKING MOUNTAIN HIGH

Five years ago, former software engineer **SCOTT MORRISON** left the congestion of Orange County, California, for the wide-open spaces of Columbus, Montana, and began to pursue his dream: crafting custom rocking chairs from precious hardwoods like Oregon black walnut, African rosewood and tiger maple.

"Being surrounded by so much beauty makes you want to be creative," says Morrison, who lives in the foothills of the Beartooth Mountains. The tree-loving, self-trained artisan fashions his rockers exclusively from wood grown in sustainable forests and favors varieties featuring intricate natural patterning. Morrison collects precise body measurements from clients and then cuts and shapes the wood accordingly. Completing each piece by rubbing it with a mixture of natural oils, polyurethane and varnish to enhance its finish, he finally coats the rocker with a thin layer of wax.

Morrison makes both single- and double-seaters (\$2,100 to \$12,000), which he exhibits at art shows in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Sun Valley, Idaho; and Cherry Creek, Colorado. In addition, he sells his pieces online and ships them to discerning customers in such far-flung locations as England, Denmark and Japan. 406-322-1132; finewoodworker.com. **SUZANNE GANNON**



A Morrison rocker.