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### Bean counters will go wild for these garbanzos

We love Italian dishes, but we don't always love the long cooking time required by beans, the mainstay of many Italian recipes. Canned beans are the easy way out, but too often the texture breaks down in the preserving process.

No such problem with an up-

scale line of jarred beans A.C. Ferrari is importing from Naples. La Primavera ceci (garbanzo beans) from Andolfo Brothers have the lovely mixture of crunch on the outside and soft texture inside that endears them to salad eaters. They also are great in pastas or served in an appetizer paired with ancho-

vies or oil-packed tuna.

Andolfo's line also includes cannellini beans and large, smooth butter beans that beg to be added to minestrone.

*La Primavera beans in 350-gram jars are \$2.79 at A.C. Ferrari stores.*

— Karola Saekel

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