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chocolates

Chocolate and Valentine's Day

go together like flags and July or Champagne and New Year's. This February, ask your sweetie to be yours with sweets as original as he is.

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Gambler

For The

Christopher Norman Domino Caramels

Everyone's a winner with these dark-chocolate dominoes filled with gooey soft caramel. (\$45 for a box of twelve; christophernorman.com)



World Traveler

For The

Vosges Exotic Candy Bars

Satisfy his adventurous side with the Black Pearl Bar (above), featuring the tastes of Japan—ginger, wasabi and black sesame seeds. He'll also love the Naga Bar, flavored with sweet Indian curry powder and coconut flakes. (\$6 per bar; vosges.com)

Young at Heart

For The

Retro Chocolate Bars from Chocolate Bar NYC

With flavors like peanut butter and jelly, Key lime pie, caramel apple and salty pretzel, these bars will take him back to his days of puppy love. (\$3 per bar; chocolatebarnyc.com)



Connoisseur

For The

MarieBelle Boxed Chocolate

If chocolates were fashions, MarieBelle would be haute couture. Each delightful piece—tasting like Champagne, Earl Grey tea or hazelnut, to name a few—is stamped with a dusting of colored cocoa. The result is an edible work of art. (\$7 for a box of two; mariebelle.com)



Traditionalist

For The

Ethel M Cherry Cordials

Classics can sometimes seem straight-laced, but there's nothing more sensual than plump Bing cherries bathed in brandy and cream, then covered with silky-smooth dark chocolate. (\$18 for a 9 oz. box; ethelm.com)



Risk-Taker

For The

Black Flower Chocolate Truffles

These enticing truffles blend dark chocolate with cheese (yes, cheese) to create a creamy ganache. Give the Vermont goat cheese or Camembert varieties for a delicious test of your Valentine's trust. (\$2.50 per piece, twelve-piece minimum; blackflowerchocolate.com)

This delicious page was inspired by the Seventh Annual Chocolate Show in New York City—a four-day festival devoted entirely to chocolate. Mmm... (chocolateshow.com)