

# TASTES LIKE SPRING

## 25 FOOD FINDS BY JOANNE KATES AND 25 WINE FINDS BY TONY ASPLER

**HOW DO I LOVE THEE, TORONTO?** Let me count the ways. I love thee for your culinary expression. For the immigrants who turned us from staid, boring Hogtown into a city of ethnic enclaves where everyone has brought their food ways from home. For creating circumstances for these immigrants to offer their food ways so that we could eat a diet so much richer than the meat and two veg that I grew up on. For the food-loving culture that makes it normal to chase great chefs and to follow the dim sum from Dundas to West Beaver Creek. Herewith, my edible love letter to Toronto, an insider's guide to what's great ... if you're in the know.

*Joanne Kates*

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## 17. ALL HAIL TORONTO'S REAL QUEEN OF CAKE ...

DUFFLET

*2638 Yonge Street*

Dufflet Rosenberg has been selling baked goods to everybody and their brother for 30 years. You would think her product would be debased by (relatively) mass production, but Dufflet's loyalty to proper ingredients (real butter, eggs and cream) remains firm; her pastry standards are unimpeachable. There is no better take-home dessert than her toasted almond meringue, a crispy, crunchy triumph of almonds, feathery meringue, berries and cream.