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Cookie Mixes

Recently we've tasted some excellent cookies in the F&W Test Kitchen from Krista's, Kimber's and Jacques Torres—all from packaged mixes. Torres's include the semisweet chocolate disks (right) he makes for his eponymous NYC shop—they melt into rich, gooey globs. \$18; michocolate.com.

**FAST TRACK**

CHEF BRANDON KIRKSEY, GIRIN, SEATTLE

A CHEF TRAINED IN WHOLE-ANIMAL BUTCHERY, Brandon Kirksey brings his meaty knowledge to Girin, Seattle's new Korean steakhouse. But what most obviously differentiates this disciple of Ethan Stowell and Thomas McNaughton is his ability to create dishes rooted in Korean tradition but not constrained by it—as in his version of yukhwe (beef tartare). He thinly slices New York strip loin, then tops it with a quail egg yolk cured in sesame oil and compressed Asian pears (above left). “It’s always nice to hear something is better than the original, especially from Koreans who grew up eating this food,” says Kirksey. 501 Stadium Pl. S.; girinseattle.com.

CHEESE PLATES

With more small, stellar dairies opening across the country, a growing number of restaurants are able to source cheese locally. **Counting House** in Durham, North Carolina, gets raw-cow-milk Calvander from Chapel Hill Creamery, 21 miles down the road. **The Shack** in Staunton, Virginia, buys Alberene Ash goat cheese and raw-cow-milk cheese from Caromont Farm (48 miles away). “Like wine, cheese has such a sense of place,” says chef Ian Boden of The Shack. “I think people will be excited by the complexity of what’s being made here.”

23POUNDS OF CHEESE
THE AVERAGE AMERICAN
EATS EACH YEAR**11**BILLIONS OF POUNDS
OF CHEESE PRODUCED IN
THE U.S. IN 2014**2.8**BILLIONS OF POUNDS OF
CHEESE MADE IN WISCONSIN

