

POMME

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PÂTISSERIE AND CAFÉ

Tracy Chow's tangy, ever-so-slightly charred apple tarts fully deserve to have a shop named after them. But that is perhaps unfair to the other thirty-odd cakes and tarts that the patisserie sells, as they are just as wonderful. Chow, graduate of Le Cordon Bleu and former intern at Angelina's (both in Paris) by way of Fraoula in Tokyo, personally bakes all the pastries sold at Pomme in a bakery directly above the shop. These include Coco, a monstrous concoction of chocolate and praline; a red velvet cupcake with icing that resembles a full-blown chrysanthemum; and an intense chestnut cake (Chow refrained from calling it Mont Blanc because it does not contain cream). Should the sweetness get too overwhelming, there's always coffee or tea to balance the palate. Pomme is wedged between two Chinese diners and is surrounded by noisy traffic, but it's easy to forget that once you're behind the soundproof door.