

FOOD STUFF

Florence Fabricant

Popcorn, Dressed Up to Go Out

Candied popcorn is probably older than Cracker Jack (1896); could the popcorn makers of yore ever have imagined a flavor like fleur de sel-caramel? It's the best of the eight flavored popcorns made in small batches in San Francisco by 479 Degrees, a company that takes its name from the temperature at which popcorn pops.

Pimentón de la Vera, dusted with smoked paprika, is another winner, as is Madras curry coconut with cashews. The popcorn is \$7.50 for a 2- to 4-ounce box at Chelsea Market Baskets in the Chelsea Market. It is also sold at many specialty stores in the San Francisco Bay area.

Assortments of five sampler boxes are \$33 to \$38 and three one-gallon tins are \$46 to \$52 from 479popcorn.com.



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