

At Tartine Bakery, Elisabeth Prueitt and Chad Robertson have made flour and water (and butter) hot commodities.

ot only do San Franciscans have access to one of the best farmers' markets in the country, they can also go to the Mission District for the best country loaves (which sell out almost as soon as they hit the racks at 5 p.m.) and other rustic-elegant delights made by Chad Robertson and Elisabeth Prueitt at Tartine. The couple's mostly organic offerings are worth braving the inevitable line. Start your (natural yeast) starter: Robertson's brand-new book, "Tartine Bread," follows the couple's "Tartine."





Pastries, puffs
Clockwise from
above: Laurie Ellen
Pellicano prepares
quiche; the bakery,
on the corner of
18th and Guerrero
Streets; chocolatecaramel shells for
coconut cream
tarts; Sarah Pasco
bakes gougères.

chad what is the best thing you have ever smelled? transt freed in butter

remix

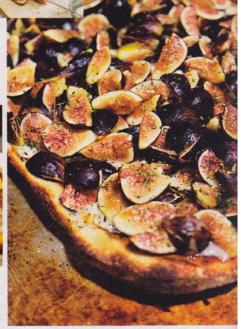
Layers Below: Elisabeth Prueitt decorates a fruit Bavarian cake with fresh flowers. Right: the cafe at breakfast.



Flavors Left: Prueitt prepares frangipane croissants. Below: family meal — a tart of figs, thyme, honey and fromage blanc.



Loaves Chad Robertson's country bread is available only after 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Advance orders recommended. (Or make your own with the recipe in "Tartine Bread.")



LIZ how no I make a COCORAI beneriague cookie? So EASY: PRE-HEAT OVEN TO 350° A MAKE A HOT WATER BATH W/I" WATER IN A POT THAT WILL HOLD A METAL BOWL.

2 EGG WHITES
I C CONFECTIONERS SUCAR TRANSFER TO MIXING BOWL AND WHIP TO VERY HOT TO TOUCH.

1 C CONFECTIONERS SUCAR TRANSFER TO MIXING BOWL AND WHIP TO VERY STIFF CONSISTENCY. 5 + MIN
PINCH SALT

1/2 tsp VANILLA

5 FOLD IN LAST 2 ING. SPOON OR PIPE ONTO PARCHMENT OR SILPAT-LINED

1/2 C COCOA NIBS

BAKING SHEET. BAKE 10-15 MNS, DEPENDING ON SIZE. WILL BE SOFT





Lives From left: cocoa-nib rochers; Robertson waxes a surfboard on his deck (fall has arrived); Prueitt, Robertson and their daughter, Archer, at home.

