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- 01 The corner facade
- 02 Fresh flowers and Janaki's ceramics
- 03 Clean spoons and coffee cup lids
- 04 Baked apple tart

Le Marché St. George, Vancouver

Located on the corner of St. George and East 28th in the quiet neighbourhood of Kensington, Le Marché St. George opened in November 2010. Owned by Janaki Larsen, her sister Klee, and Janaki's husband Pascal Roy, the café quickly became a vibrant hub for locals. Le Marché offers tea, coffee and freshly made baked goods alongside organic produce from nearby community gardens and a selection of homewares. Whether you're after a quick espresso, fresh milk on the way home, a set of hand linens or homemade jam, the friendly staff always make the visit a pleasant one. The café-cum-market sells products from up to 48 suppliers, each one specializing in a certain craft, from honey and olive oil to soaps and baskets. Le Marché has also held art exhibitions and dinner parties with tickets often selling out in a matter of hours. Last winter Janaki used the small space beside the café for a pop-up shop which featured her pottery, paintings and photography by her sisters Lisa and Klee, and handmade shoes, leather bags, pillows and blankets. The community feel that surrounds Le Marché quickly made it a cornerstone of the neighbourhood. A rare warmth exudes from the corner of East 28th, to the point that families in the area will keep spare keys at the café.

Field Notes

Janaki Larsen Ceramics

Janaki grew up on Salt Spring Island, the largest of the Gulf Islands and a place known for its small community of hippies and artists. Having been raised by a potter and a painter, she spent a lot of her time in her parents' studio and was always encouraged to follow her own creative instincts. After moving to Vancouver and graduating from Emily Carr University in 1999, she decided to focus on pottery and since finishing school has established herself as one of the city's leading ceramic artists. Citing Lucie Rie and Hans Coper as artistic influences, her work has taken on a similar minimal aesthetic. The soft shapes and muted palettes offer a luxurious, yet handmade feel.

In Shop

- 01 Infused Honey by Mellifera Bees
Locally made honey from stationary hives, infused with cardamom, vanilla or lemon.
- 02 Tuscan Flat Bread
A rich and flavourful flat bread topped with tomato, garlic, or cheese and mushroom.
- 03 Baked Apple Tart
A nice treat in the morning or afternoon, not too sweet and not too savoury.
- 04 Handloomed Linens
A variety of natural cotton tablecloths, napkins and towels made in Eastern Europe.