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Editor's Choice

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John Kelly Chocolates

John Kelly Chocolates has raised the bar — the artisan fudge bar, that is. A rather unique blend of truffle and fudge covered in a rich semi-sweet chocolate coating, this truly is the best fudge concoction I've ever had the (intense) pleasure of tasting. Called "truffle fudge," I like to think of it more as a chocolate-covered truffle bar, because each and every handcrafted piece has an incredibly creamy consistency, similar to that of a truffle. But unlike old-fashioned fudge, which tends to be overly sweet and dry, this fudge has the texture of pure silk, a creamy, melt-in-your-mouth experience that actually intensifies the deep chocolate flavor. According to the company, several different varieties of chocolate are used in order to create blends that have a perfect balance of sweet versus bold chocolate flavor. These award-winning chocolates are certified kosher and come in 12 heavenly, naturally flavored versions like cappuccino with walnuts, peanut butter or raspberry. What's even better, the bars are wrapped in gold foil and gorgeously packed in a gift box. Available in two sizes — a large 8-ounce bar for guests to help themselves, or if you want to serve slices on a dessert platter; or a 2-ounce "portion controlled" version. Gift baskets and truffle fudge towers are also available. MSRP for the 2-oz. size ranges from \$7.25 (one 2-oz. bar) up to \$71 (24 2-oz. bars); 8-oz. size ranges from \$14 (one bar) up to \$24 (two bars). For more information, call 800-609-4243, or visit www.johnkellychocolates.com.

