



Forté
CHOCOLATE

BEAUTIFUL & DELICIOUS

HAND-CRAFTED

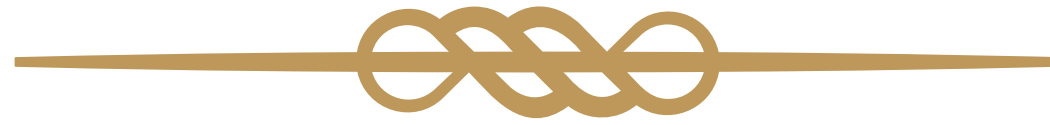
CHOCOLATE FROM A

WORLD RENOWNED

MASTER CHOCOLATIER



UNPARALLELED EXCELLENCE



AWARDED MORE THAN 100 TOP INDUSTRY AWARDS

World Gold - Sea Salt Caramel in Milk Chocolate - International Chocolate Awards

World Gold - Pumpkin Spice Truffle - International Chocolate Awards

World Gold - Eggnog Truffle - International Chocolate Awards

World Gold - Rosemary Orange Caramel - International Chocolate Awards

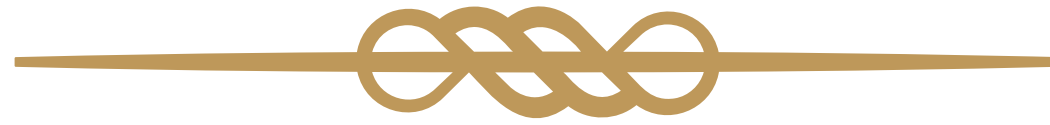
Gold - Lemon Pepper in White Chocolate Truffle - NW Chocolate Festival Awards

Gold - Marcona Almond in Milk Chocolate Bar - NW Chocolate Festival Awards

Gold - Sea Salt Caramel in Dark Chocolate - NW Chocolate Festival Awards

to list just a few...

COMPANY & PRODUCT



Local Company - Hand-crafted in-state, located in Mount Vernon, Washington

Small Business

- ◆ Woman Owned & Operated
- ◆ Less than 20 employees
- ◆ Disability & Multiple Sclerosis Advocate

Truly Artisan

- ◆ Not widely available as the focus is on quality
- ◆ Respect for the craft & traditional techniques
- ◆ Actively shares knowledge and expertise to improve the industry as a whole

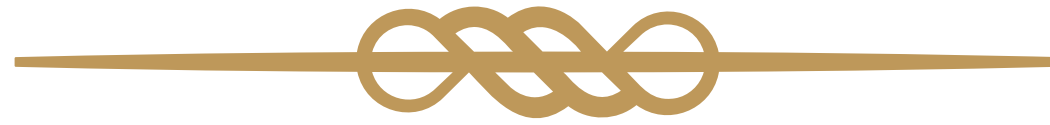
Responsibly Made - Highest quality ingredients from traceable & responsible sources

- ◆ Real Cane Sugar & Sunflower Soy
- ◆ Sustainable, Non-GMO Ingredients
- ◆ Real Madagascar Vanilla
- ◆ Fair Trade & Direct Trade Cacao
- ◆ Traceable Cacao without use of Child Labor

Experienced & Trustworthy

- ◆ Company founded in 2006
- ◆ Led by a world renowned chocolatier
- ◆ Certified by the WSDA guided by the FDA

JOURNEY INTO THE EXTRAORDINARY



Heritage

Forté Chocolate is nestled in the heart of Skagit Valley amongst a diverse cornucopia of artisans who take pride in celebrating time-honored traditions, virtuoso technique, and bringing back the beauty and joy of hand-craftsmanship

The word forté is often used to describe a persons' strength, but originally it comes from the sport of fencing. The term refers to the strongest part of the sword blade, between the middle and the hilt. Forté is also a musical dynamics term that instructs the musician to play loudly

Our company name was selected to honor both the strength and power of chocolate as well as the synesthetic way in which our Master Chocolatier experiences flavor. She is unique as she hears music as she tastes!

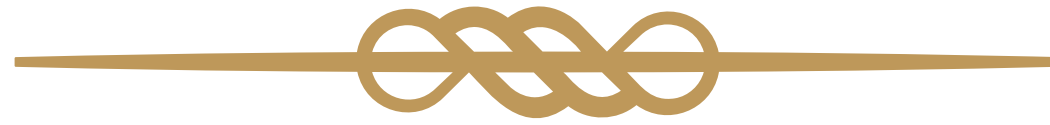
Values

We believe in crafting a better tomorrow alongside our customers, suppliers, employees, and our communities so that we can all celebrate and live life to its fullest

We honor this belief by creating meaningful relationships, operating with integrity, and serving as a positive role model for women and people living with a disability, particularly Multiple Sclerosis

We believe it is important to give back, share knowledge, treat each other with respect & positivity, and to interact with the world in a loving way

BEAUTY & TASTE BEYOND WORDS



Products

Our confections are the pinnacle of flavor & mouthfeel for the ultimate chocolate sensory experience

We are a true, hand-crafted Chocolatier making all of our products the way it should be done... by hand in small batches

It is the meticulousness in the creation, including the superior ingredients, thoughtful methods, careful precision, and timeless know-how that makes our beautiful confections enduring and extraordinary

The Emotion of Chocolate

We believe that beautifully made chocolate naturally embodies joy, happiness, and love

Artisan chocolate is the ideal medium for expressing heartfelt affection, deep-rooted gratitude, and for establishing real emotional connections

We honor this natural emotional power by crafting a variety of stunning designs and flavor profiles perfect for creating the ideal individual expression and sentiment for all of life's moments

WORLD RENOWNED MASTER CHOCOLATIER



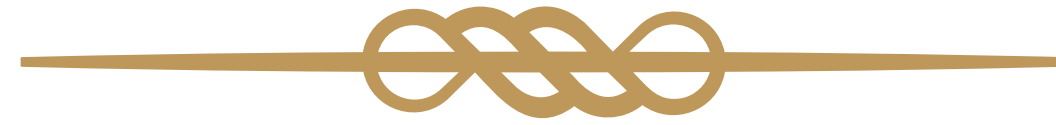
Though mostly self-taught through discoveries gained with purposeful trial and error, Master Chocolatier Karen Neugebauer initially found her intense love for all things chocolate while attending the Art Institute's Baking & Pastry program. She was immediately drawn to the transformative process involved in the making of a ganache and in chocolate's innate ability to enhance lives as both a food and as an art form

Chef Karen started Forté Chocolate shortly after graduating in 2006 and quickly discovered that her confluence of natural artistic talents, laser sharp focus, and skill of manipulating flavor with techniques that "create a symphony in every bite" were quite special indeed! As such, Forté Chocolate has earned an astounding number of awards from around the world for a wide variety of her beautiful confections. It is no wonder that Chef Karen's passion for chocolate and cunningly balanced flavor profiles has led to being ranked among the world's best chocolatiers!

With the founding philosophy of "celebrating life through chocolate", Chef Karen joyfully embraces the artisan mindset. Instead of mindless mass production so common in the world today, she cultivated a team of artisans that meticulously hand-crafts each piece with keen attention to both beauty AND taste. Although this path can be much more difficult, she believes that hand-craftsmanship is vital for truly connecting with one's environment, connecting with the past, and for appreciating life today. This ideology drives Chef Karen to help improve the lives of those around her by sharing the artisan tradition and her wealth of knowledge, both in the kitchen and as an entrepreneurial business leader

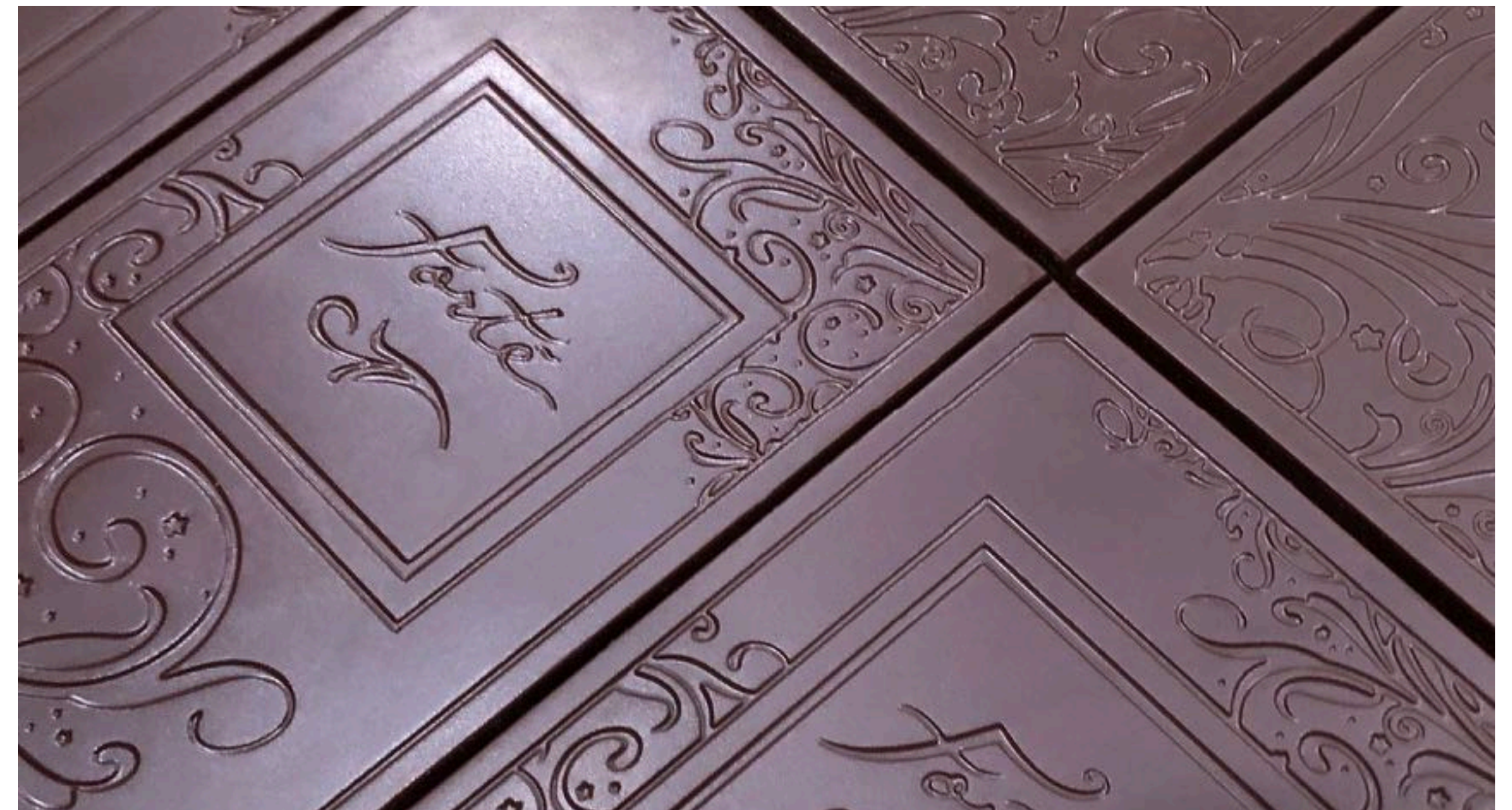
While her work and accomplishments are quite impressive, it is her personality and intense can-do attitude despite being disabled with Multiple Sclerosis that is truly inspiring. Chef Karen takes pleasure in spreading joy and serves as a strong role model to women and anyone living with a disability. She believes that "life is as beautiful as you make it" and takes pride in helping others to go beyond their perceived limitations to achieve their goals. To help spread this heartfelt notion, she rode her bicycle across America, over 7 mountain passes no less, to spread the word about MS and to see just how far her average, non-athletic body could go!

PREMIUM CHOCOLATE BARS

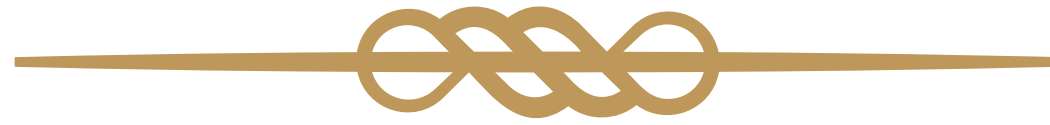


Exquisite, gluten free chocolate bars featuring masterfully balanced flavors in beautiful, hand-crafted bars with incredibly smooth textures and even melts

- Bar Size ♦ 2 oz / 57 gr
- Case Size ♦ 12 bars per case
- Shelf Life ♦ 18 to 36 months
- Lead Time ♦ 5 to 7 days



CHOCOLATE BAR OPTIONS



Forté

Universally Loved Flavors

The ultra smooth melt and purity of taste showcases why these traditional flavors continue to stand the test of time

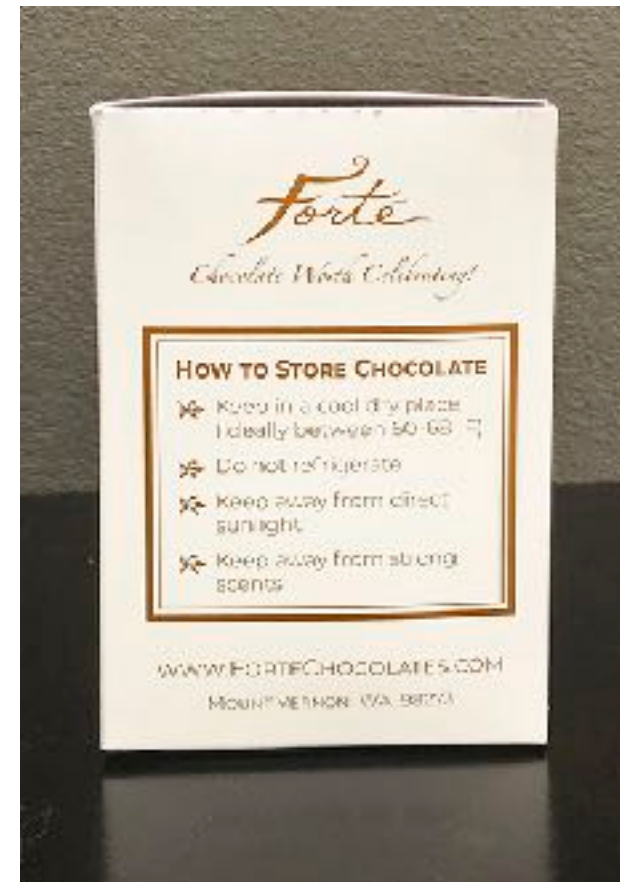
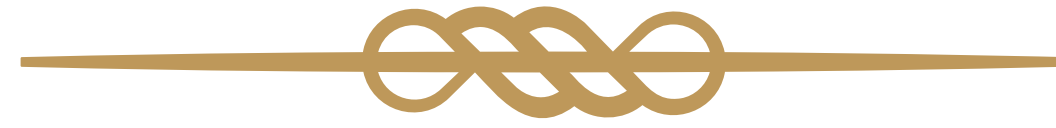


Gusto

On-Trend Flavors

The amazing pairing of chocolate and savory flavors showcase why these chocolate bars are in high demand

CHOCOLATE BAR RETAIL CASES



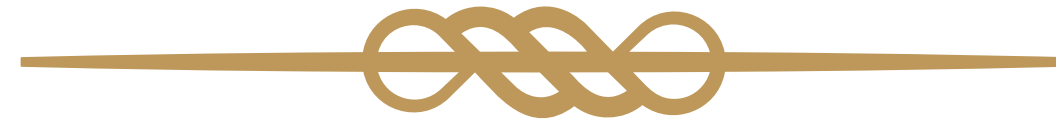
SMART CASE DESIGN

Case boxes are shipped as a full 12-bar box unit with tear away perforations for easy open and display

The base of each case box has a built-in flap to keep the bars properly angled back while on display

Ideal storage instructions are printed on the back of every case box

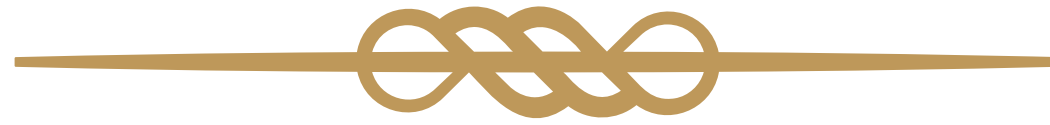
LUXURY TRUFFLES



Our rich and flavorful truffles are hand-crafted with well honed techniques for a flawless and stunningly beautiful presentation inside and out. Our truffles feature impeccably balanced flavors, only top notch gluten free ingredients, and no preservatives



LUXURY TRUFFLES OPTIONS



- ◆ 12 Standard Flavors
- ◆ 6 Seasonal Flavors
- ◆ 1 Vegan Option



**Ready-to-Serve
Trays of 24 pieces**

- ◆ Special Order
 - ◆ Custom Logo Truffles
 - ◆ 1 piece Wedding Favor



5 Piece Boxes



12 Piece Boxes



24 Piece Boxes

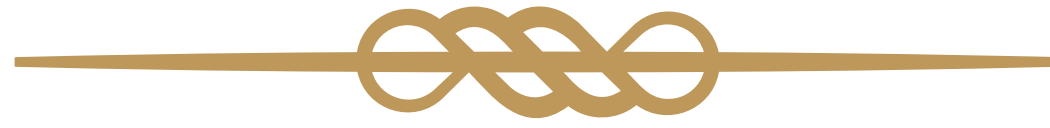
THE WORLD'S BEST CARAMELS



Our caramels have repeatedly earned the top ranking in the world! Our signature honey caramels feature a blend of Pacific Northwest honeys, heavy cream, local butter and Madagascar bourbon vanilla to create the perfect caramel with a long, satisfying finish



WORLD CLASS CARAMEL OPTIONS



- ◆ Sea Salt Caramels
- ◆ Milk & Dark Options
- ◆ 6 Additional Flavors



12 Piece Boxes



1 Piece Tote



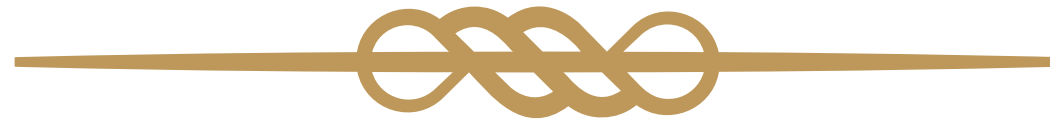
5 Piece Boxes

- ◆ Gluten Free
- ◆ Ready to Serve Trays
- ◆ 1 piece Wedding Favor



24 Piece Boxes

IMPRESS WITH CHOCOLATE



GIFT BASKETS

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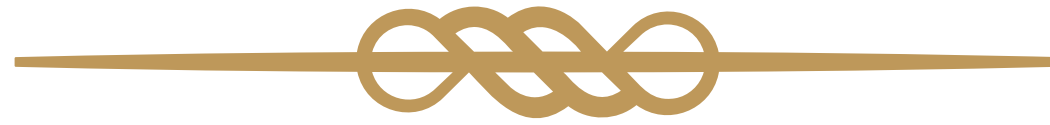
GIFT SHOP

CLIENT GIFTS

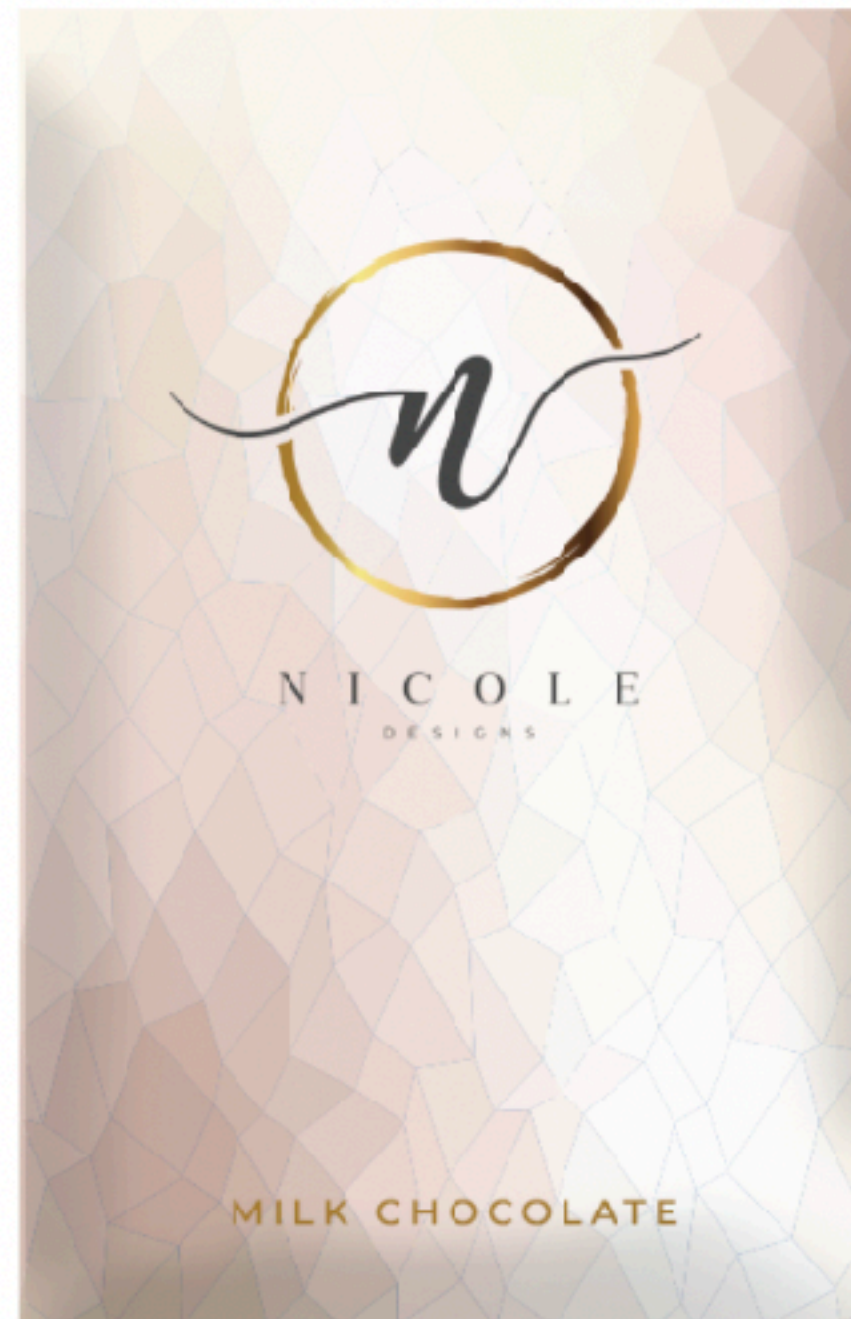
SPECIAL EVENTS



CUSTOM BARS & TRUFFLES



✿ 100% Custom



✿ Co-Branded



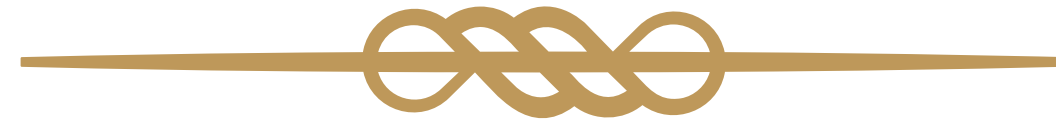
✿ Logo On Stock Design



Custom Bars

Custom Truffles

SPECIAL EVENTS & WEDDINGS



Chocolate Sculptures



Gift Baskets



Event Favors