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Flourless Chocolate Cake Keeps It Simple

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A flourless chocolate cake beckons at La Mercerie. Stephen Speranza for The New York Times

Need a last-minute Valentine's treat? There's an intensely chocolate flourless cake modestly displayed among the pastries on the counter at La Mercerie, the shop and restaurant in the [Roman and Williams Guild](#) in SoHo. It's a paragon of Auguste Escoffier's mantra "faites simple" (keep it simple), and is sold whole or by the slice. And with the restaurant set to open any day now, look for the cake on the menu: *Gluten-free Chocolate Cake, \$45 whole, \$5 per slice, La Mercerie, 53 Howard Street (Mercer Street), 212-852-9097, lamerceriecafe.com.*

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