

favourite things

First place goes to...

Declared one of the world's top 50 retail designers, Toronto's own II BY IV has been awarded accolades for their unique showroom. It conveys a South Beach style loaded with glamour, novelty and tradition. Like a clairvoyant, II BY IV picks up on emerging consumer trends, applying them to design with expert precision.

www.iibyiv.com



Photo: II BY IV



Photo: Christopher Leggett.com

Ku De Ta

A stunning setting in beautiful Bali makes Ku De Ta what some call Asia's most prestigious venue. Since arriving on the restaurant scene in 2000, Ku De Ta has transformed itself

into an international icon of beachside chic. Now, rumour has it that chic hotel-style accommodations are on the drawing board.

www.kudeta.net

Photo: Southbrook Vineyards



Liquid poetry

Inscribed with the delicate words of Canadian poets, Southbrook introduces "Poetica," an innovative artist series of wine and words. New limited-edition

wines are available only through pre-ordering directly from its Niagara winery. What better way to curl up with the work of Sarah Slean, P.K. Page or Christopher Dewdney?

www.southbrook.com



Photo: Mink Chocolates Inc.

Melt in your mink!

Sweet dreams come true at Vancouver's Mink Chocolate Café. Obsessively devoted to creating fine chocolate, Mink offers over 30 different hand-crafted chocolate bars. Its artist series tempts chocoholics with nine different melt-in-your-mouth bon bons. The "Beret"—a sumptuous concoction of raspberry in dark chocolate ganache smothered in dark chocolate—is to die for.

www.minkchocolates.com

Sparkle and shine

A new concept in wall decor. Sparkling Crystal Dream goes beyond the mere use of shiny objects in artwork by becoming part of the design. Let your imagination run wild with the endless possibilities opened up by merging photographic artwork with the elegance of crystal.

www.ramdot.com



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