Sweet Nothings

Whether romantic tastes simulate Romeo and Juliet or Archie and Veronica, The Wanderer knows the language of love is the same. In short, wine and chocolate spell romance like nothing else. As usual, The Wanderer knows the scene.

**A** **ALEXANDRIA PASTRY SHOP**
Heart-shaped cookies and cakes, pink icing and chocolate, chocolate, chocolate! Surprise your loved one with a sweet treat or an entire romantic dinner.
3690 King Street, Bradlee Shopping Center, 703.578.4144, alexandriapastry.com

**B** **RICK’S WINE & GOURMET**
Verona wines are made by the organic family estate La Cappuccina located just outside the city walls of Verona, historical home to Romeo and Juliet. The labels of The Merlot & Rabosso or Garganega & Sauvignon blends both feature romantic lines from the Shakespeare play.
3117 Duke Street, Alexandria Commons, 703.823.4600, rickswine.com

**C** **THE SUGAR CUBE**
Caramel Charm, Coffee Caresse, Dreamy Love and Passion Fruit are just a few of the flavors of the wonderful heart-shaped truffles. Really in love? Then the Red Rosettes Champagne Truffle should get the message across.
210 North Lee Street, Old Town, 703.548.2868, sugarcubesweets.com

**D** **ARTFULLY GIFTS AND CHOCOLATE**
Along with their selection of tempting sweets Artfully Chocolate has gifts for everyone on your list. Bears, duckies, napkins for a festive touch and cards, too!
2003a Mount Vernon Avenue, Del Ray, 703.835.7917 & 508 John Carlyle Street, Carlyle, 703.575.8686, ackcocoaabar.com

**E** **UNWINED**
Wine your love with Chocolate Box Sparkling Shiraz from Australia or a delicious assortment of chocolates, cheeses and other gourmet goodies.
3690 King Street, Bradlee Shopping Center, 703.820.8600, unwineda.com