

Hot sale



Posh Nosh
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It was spread about 20 years ago, Cat The Market, a gourmet shop at Greenlane Avenue, has been a haven for people who love to eat.

In 2009, Mr Donald Tan, 62 and his wife Mrs Li Devi, 55, brought in their family's favourite treats to create a chilli sauce, similar to those who had spent some time in the United States.

They also persuaded the manufacturer of hot food to open its doors to only high-quality products.

The carefully created range of gourmet products included Salsas's salsa, which has been cooked with care and made from fresh ingredients.

But their aim is to bring their shop at the end of the month when the time really is to focus on making their products and dishes.

Until then, they are offering 50 to 60 per cent discounts on all the merchandise.

The event is their first time just brought to attention of new products. These include the firm's range of salsa (R\$ 40 for a 100g jar from the US).

Government food is a thick, chunky sauce with tomatoes and green bell peppers. It is really hot and not too sweet.

Standard Merguez hot sauce is the most interesting but it needs a bit more heat to balance the heat.

I do like the choice of products as it though brings a lot of options around into the table would be the best.

However, black bean & chili is a good balance of hot, tangy and sweet, with soft beans and spicy chili sauce too. It would be my pick of the lot.

With their tasting and online customers have already ordered out the shop's supply of hot food salsa. There are still many bottles of Salsas



R\$ 40 each, with long expiry dates. Cat The Market, Greenlane Ave, Auckland.

Cat The Market, 1 Greenlane Avenue, tel: 021 626 626, open: 10am to 7pm (Monday to Saturday), 10am to 5pm (Sunday and public holidays), closed on Wednesday.

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Toast to rice

There was a time when I was hooked on rice crackers as an alternative to potato chips.

I would always feel nervous eating those crackers, even more so that I had to drink lots of water because they were just so salty.

I have found a replacement: Edmond & Sons Pacific Rice Toast, which is made in Thailand.

The square crackers are just big enough to eat in one bite and can be topped with any amount of things.

The Thai Red Rice & Pomegranate variety tastes very healthy and a little more appetising than my usual wheat-flour ones. It is, however, a little bland.



A better option is Purple Rice & Black Sesame, which is made from black sesame seeds. It tastes really yummy and one will certainly make it a worthy replacement for chips.

Edmond & Sons Pacific Rice Toast, \$8.99 for a 100g pack from Cold Storage, tel: 021 94 7444 (from Singapore, tel: 6738-4742), open: 9am to 11.30pm daily.

Potato Pretz

You would think that by now, I'd be thoroughly sick of Olive Pops, having tried so many flavours and permutations.

Well yes, I still get excited about them but now I'm more in the supermarket.

The newest one has been potato washed into the perfect dough. Cold beer & butter is flavoured with onion or pulled out too. It is good but the butter flavour comes through more strongly than the rest, which is a pity.

However, the Potato & Butter variety is excellent with lots of salty potato flavour and a pretty robust nutty butter flavour.

Olive Pops, \$2.99 for a big pack from Supermarket, \$1.99 for a 100g pack from Cold Storage, tel: 021 94 7444, open: 9am to 11.30pm daily.



Marmalade with noodles

A jar of chilli marmalade in the pantry or fridge can come in handy for all sorts of emergencies.

I almost never have ketchup at home so when I am in the mood for hotdogs, this jar from Australian brand Roza's is a good substitute.

Similarly, when I make myself a fried egg sandwich, its mild heat and hint of ginger is more interesting than plain old ketchup.

But the most rewarding use has so far

been for instant noodles. There is no shortage of condiments in my fridge but I decide to give this a go.

Whoa. Who knew chilli marmalade would work so well with noodles? Topped with some chopped coriander leaves, the noodles make a very good supper.

Roza's Chilli Marmalade, \$14.95 for a 250ml jar from Huber's Butchery, 18A Dempsey Road, tel: 6737-1588, open: 9.30am to 8pm (weekdays), 9.30am to 7pm (weekends)

