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feast of valentine's day

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").

Parlement of Foules (1382) by Geoffrey Chaucer For this was on seynt Volantynys day Whan euery bryd comyth there to chese his make

oysters & hard meats
various mignonettes & mustards

*15th-century Rondeau by Charles, Duke of Orléans to his wife Je suis desja d'amour tanné Ma tres doucece
Valentinée...*

maine lobster & scallop terrine
avocado, orange, asparagus, black garlic ranch,
torn basil

*Ophelia in Hamlet (1600-1601) by William Shakespeare
To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day, All in the morning
betime, And I a maid at your window, To be your Valentin.*

hudson valley foie gras crème brûlée
sel gris, coco nib

*Alban Butler in his Lives of the Principal Saints (1756-1759) claimed
without proof that men and women in Lupercalia drew names from a jar to
make couples*

niman ranch beef filet "DIANE"
charred kale, hassleback yukon gold potato
foie gras "au poivre" supplémentaire 15

*Gammer Gurton's Garland (1784) The rose is red, the violet's blue, The honey's sweet,
and so are you*

chocolate crèmeux
seduction & restraints