



1.7 ounce, \$125  
3.4 ounce, \$185

## Bond No. 9 Perfume

### Alexander Perfumes & Fragrances

In a world where must-have luxury items seem to be available everywhere, quality can still be elusive. Alexander Perfumes & Fragrances in La Jolla proudly offers Bryant Park, a new line from New York-based perfume maker Bond No. 9.

The company's exclusive line of 29 different fragrances can't be found in every department store or corner of street, according to Alexander owner Alexander Bende.

This limited line of fragrances is legendary the world over. The unique ingredients give it originality, while the fact Bond No. 9 uses 20 to 22 percent oil in its perfumes—much higher than you'll often find in other fragrances—means you can put it on in the morning and still notice the scent in the evening.

"Bond No. 9 invites people to play more with its fragrances, to be more open for it and use on top of each other," says Bende. "You have to be more playful with it—that's why we like it."

Alexander Perfumes & Fragrances, long a fixture in downtown La Jolla, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year after opening in 1982. It enjoys its reputation as the premier store for beauty and scents. You'll also find upscale lines of skin care and make-up products at Alexander Perfumes.

*Alexander Perfumes & Fragrances is located at 7914 Girard in La Jolla, 858-454-2292; [beautyandscents.com](http://beautyandscents.com).*

## Lingerie

### Douce et Romantique

So you'd like to give a gift that has a certain *je ne sais quoi*? No need to book an express flight to Paris. Visit Encinitas-based Douce et Romantique, a seven-month-old boutique lingerie store carrying the latest in upscale undergarment fashion.

Owners Laurent and Frederique Shilde stock products from France, Italy and other locales—lingerie, swimwear, sleepwear and other fashions. The Shildes aim for apparel that's a blend of sophistication and comfort with European spirit. The boudoir-style boutique also sells soaps, jewelry from Paris and select antique furniture that doubles as store décor.

"My wife, Frederique, buys all the products by herself with her feelings," says Laurent. "The boutique is French style, and all the products have something special. It is the secret of our success."

Though the Shildes receive new items for Douce et Romantique every week, they insist that each piece appeal to the emotions, while the Parisian jewelry must have a very French style.

*Douce et Romantique is located at 937 South Coast Highway 101, Suite 101 in Encinitas. 760-632-8854.*

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