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### **All About Almonds with Martha Stewart and Priscilla Martel, Connecticut Chef and Almond Expert**

**Chester, CT** – On March 16, 2019, Priscilla Martel, Connecticut chef and culinary author, will be talking about almonds with Martha Stewart on her television show, *Martha Bakes!* For the eleventh season of her PBS program, Martha Stewart has chosen her favorite baking ingredients. Each episode features a single ingredient such as almonds, lemons or dried fruit. Martha invited experts to stop by her kitchen to chat about each one.

Martel's work with the California almond industry led to her appearance on the Show. "I'm mad for almonds, their health benefits and the delectable things you can make with them," says Martel.

Martel developed her expertise in almonds first as a professional chef and baker at Restaurant du Village then while working as President of American Almond Products Company in Brooklyn, New York. Most recently such work has taken her to Shanghai, China where she's been educating professional bakers on how to incorporate almonds into their repertoires.

Martel brought an array of almonds and almond products for Martha to sample. "I've done many almond tastings, but this was the most fun because of Martha's genuine enthusiasm," she says. The March broadcast date is ideal she says because "it's the start of the crop year when the almond trees are in bloom in California." Her conversation with Martha Stewart has inspired her to share more almond stories, recipes and tips for both sweet and savory foods with followers of her web site, PriscillaMartel.com

In Connecticut, the program will air on CPTV on March 16, 2019 at 3:30 PM.

To find your local station, visit <http://www.pbs.org/food/features/martha-bakes-schedule/>

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#### **About Priscilla Martel**

Priscilla Martel honed her cooking skills as chef of Restaurant du Village in Chester, Connecticut. Today, she creates innovative recipes, products, menus and marketing programs for its clients. Martel's expertise in artisan baking, confectionery, healthful and spa cooking techniques reflects her broad experience. One consulting assignment lead to her 4-year tenure as President of American Almond Products Company, an ingredient manufacturer for whom she continues to serve as culinary director.

Martel teaches cooking and baking classes for both home and professional cooks. She is co-author of the award-winning culinary textbooks *On Baking: A Textbook of Baking and Pastry Fundamentals* and *On Cooking: A Textbook of Culinary Fundamentals*. She writes frequently about specialty food, housewares and flavor trends for trade magazines. Visit [PriscillaMartel.com](http://PriscillaMartel.com)

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