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Umami Mart also hosts book events. Above, cookbook author Erin Gleeson with Kayoko Akabori (left) and Yoko Kumano

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When Yoko Kumano and Kayoko Akabori began their food-and-drink blog *Umami Mart* in 2007 they had no idea it would lead them to set up two retail outlets in the Bay Area.

In 2013 they opened a real-world extension

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of their eclectic, inspiring website in Oakland, selling Japanese kitchen- and barware, everything from highend sushi knives to cedar sake cups, plus Danish design objects.

For the 2013 holiday season, Umami Mart opened a pop-up shop at The Perish Trust, a general store that's also acted as a San Francisco outpost for stylish home decor and accessories such as Warby Parker eyewear and *Meatpaper* and *Anthol*ogy magazines. The Perish Trust's carefully curated collection also includes Californiamade Juniper Ridge fragrances and honey harvested from urban hives on nearby Telegraph Hill.

Kumano and Akabori felt immediately at home in the boutique's renovated kitchen—so much so that after the new year came and went, they decided to stay.

Umami Mart's San Francisco outlet will be open through 2014. BRITTANY SHOOT

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