

THE GOURMAND ONE
JEAN PAUL GAULTIER SCANDAL,
£83 FOR 80ML EDP

It's tough for gourmand scents – all too often they smell so sickly sweet that they're enough to give anyone over the age of 12 a sugar rush. Perfumer Daphne Bugey solved that problem by choosing a special honey from Yemen that has the moreish aroma of caramel, but also an animalistic edge that appeals to our most basic instincts. She then set it against a backdrop of pretty gardenias and woody patchouli. Addictive.

THE FEMINIST ONE
MICHAEL KORS SEXY RUBY, £90
FOR 100ML EDP (FABLED.COM)

Ever wondered what female empowerment smells like? Precisely like this, according to Michael Kors, who cites Beyoncé as one of the muses behind his new scent. To that end, he has wrapped fruity floral notes – raspberry, jasmine and orange blossom – in a blend of rose petals and apricot to conjure up the softness of skin, pepper for a bit of Bey, then added moss and cashmere woods for an intriguingly dark twist.



THE MYSTERIOUS ONE

MUGLER AURA, £70 FOR 50ML EDP (MUGLER.CO.UK)

It's not just the bottle that has a *Wizard Of Oz* quality to it. While we can't promise a pair of ruby slippers, Aura does have an otherworldly composition. There's tiger liana, an ingredient never used in perfume before, that manages to smell both churchy and like sugared almonds. Rhubarb leaf and orange blossom join the line-up to bring freshness, while the leathery bourbon vanilla dry down is an unexpected surprise. ►