

# January

*“There’s nowhere else in Seattle we could pay what we do and have that kind of view.”*

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*By Jess Chamberlain*

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GF: Gluten-free; LC: Low calorie; LS: Low sodium; V: Vegetarian; VG: Vegan

Our full guide to nutrition and good cooking:  
sunset.com/cookingguide.

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TOMS founder Blake Mycoskie in Malibu. TipiMarqui™ tent: Under Canvas, undercanvas.com. All props from Found Vintage Rentals (foundrentals.com); prop sourcing by Sterling Social (sterlingsocial.com). Shoes: TOMS. Mycoskie's own RRL poncho (draped on crate). Photograph by Thomas J. Story; prop styling by Joni Noe; grooming by Mia Baker Kessler.

