

Acquired Taste

Whisked away, the meringue
peaks drift coconut flurries, fondue

and lime rind décor.
Thawed innovations of overnight mari-

nations, tenderizing rosemary
and Mediterranean vinaigrette absorption.

I used to be a Russian raspberry
substitute, but now

I'm Mexican salsa simmering
on medium high.

I'm no lightweight delight
or microwaveable side dish.

I'm a chili pepper symphony,
a secret recipe —

no room to season to taste.
I'm an uncovered, uncondensed,

main course phenomenon.
Don't try to reduce heat to low

or leave me in the pan to cool.
I'm a delicious delicacy.

My ungreased garnets
are not meant for leftovers.