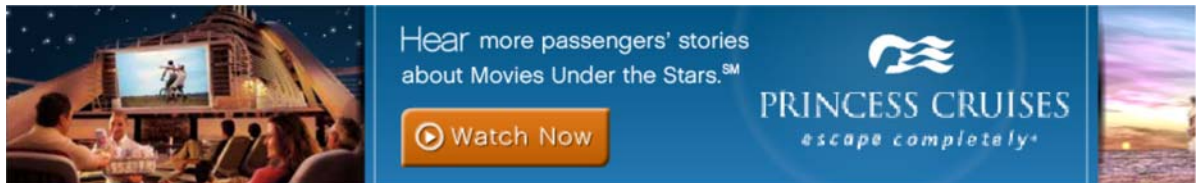


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Opening Alert: Dish Bistro & Bar in Pasadena

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Owner David Johnson and chef Job Carder (whose resume includes stints with the Patina Group and Cafe Bizou as well as at the isolated Parallax restaurant on Mammoth Mountain, reachable by Sno-Cat) plan to open Dish Bistro & Bar in Old Pasadena on Feb. 5. The food is described as "Mediterranean market-driven cuisine," with Carder making all his breads, pastas, sausages, cured bacon, prosciutto and pancetta from scratch.

The menu is divided into large and small plates and prices range from \$5 to \$21. Dishes include: charcuterie; asparagus "fries"; charred octopus carpaccio; California-style bouillabaisse called boo ya; Bodega Bay petrale sole fillet; Sonoma lamb ragout with house-made pappardelle pasta; and grilled Portuguese-style hanger steak with flageolet beans, house-made veal pancetta and braised red chard.

There will also be a selection of California boutique wines as well as a nice list of hand-crafted cocktails designed by bartender Matt Bergstrom. The list includes the Diplomatic Manhattan with Diplomatico Reserve Rum, vanilla bean extract, bitters and sweet vermouth; the Spicy Mojito with serrano-chile-infused rum, coconut, cilantro, mint and lime; and the Navarro Sunset with Hangar One Buddha's Hand Citron, Cointreau, orange, lime and Navarro Vineyards Pinot Noir grape juice.

The interior of the loft-style space features exposed brick walls, dark wood accents and deep red tones. The hours are as follows: Dinner: Tuesday through Thursday, 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 to 11 p.m. Lunch: Tuesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brunch: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday night and Monday.

For more details check out the interview Food GPS did with Carder earlier this month.



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Dish Bistro & Bar, 53 E. Union St., Pasadena. (626) 795-5546; www.dishbistroandbar.com.

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