



Dolce Pane E Vino



DID YOU KNOW?

Almost 60 percent of San Diego restaurants are considered casual dining, while less than 5 percent is fine dining.

6 Hodad's Too

Bravest New Contender Entering the Burger Battle

The original Hodad's in OB tops "best burger" lists regularly, but will its newest location opening in July on 10th and Broadway cut the mustard? Gotta give props to owner Mike Hardin for giving it a go.

In Five Words ...

Same great menu and food.

Don't Miss ...

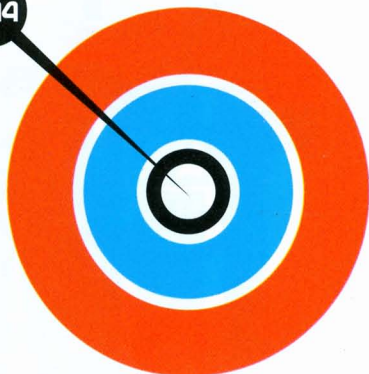
The beer and wine selections to help wash down that juicy burger faster.

Did You Know ...

The bacon cheeseburger has been equated to crack for a carnivore.

10th Avenue and Broadway, Downtown San Diego
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5 Dolce Pane E Vino

Newer North County Gem

Quite the spot since it opened last December, Dolce Pane E Vino features an inspired Italian-Californian menu and handcrafted interior finishes for a super-cozy feel reminiscent of mama's kitchen.

In Five Words ...

No corkage on 300 wines.

Don't Miss ...

The upcoming winemakers dinner and live music on the patio on Sunday afternoons throughout the summer.

Did You Know ...

Guests can have fresh-baked paninis, Italian cheeses and meats to-go.

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Bencotto



Five Feel-Good Food Trends

1 FOOD TRUCKS

From MIHO, a gourmet "gastro-truck," to Javz arriving in Carlsbad to Tabe BBQ to Dave de Jour Street Food, trucks serving up super-high-quality ingredients will be big in the next year. Mark our words.

2 GASTRO PUBS

Don't miss the 10 ounces of its big, juicy burgers on the menu at Jimmy's Famous American Tavern, which just opened in Point Loma. And at Proper Gastropub adjacent to the new Wine Steals in East Village, the authentically English fish and chips are all the rage.

3 PRICE POINT WARS

Cucina Urbana arguably started the trend of capping entrees at \$20, and \$20 entrees remain the new \$40 entrees at many local "casual gourmet" eateries. Newbie Quality Social recently upped the price war ante by capping its menu at \$12. We likey.

4 ITALIAN EATERIES

Italian-themed spots continue to pop up on every other corner; it started with Cucina Urbana and BICE, and then came Buonissimo 2, TOAST Enoteca & Cucina, Il Postino and Lady Lasagna. Philippe Beltran's Rustica is rumored to open this summer on Adams Avenue, as is Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria opening in Encinitas. Pure madness! Our reigning newer Italian favorite: Bencotto, located at The Q on West Fir Street in Little Italy. The vibe is that of a modern Italian kitchen; don't miss delicacies include those from the Emilia Romagna region of Italy like the gnocco fritto.

5 TOP CHEF TOQUES-TURNED-ENTREPRENEURS

Ahh, the star power of a stint on *Top Chef*. ... Frank Terzoli's The Big Easy in Hillcrest has been serving up southern comfort dishes since opening in February; Brian Malarkey and James Brennan are busy getting Searsucker on Fifth and Market in the Gaslamp ready for a July debut, and Richard Sweeney unveils his new restaurant, R Gang Eatery, in the former Busalacchi's space on Fifth Avenue in Hillcrest next month.