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## FINE DINING DETECTIVES

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De Schmirer Chef Andrew Lujan



Hiro's Sushi Chefs



Lalo's Goat Milk Ice Cream / Jesse and Kirsten O'Brien



Trader Joe's Cheesecake Nicole Henry and Blackstone Winery Wine Educator Judy Oliver-Rose

# EPICUREAN EPISODES

## Looking forward to Taste of Petaluma 2009

Saturday, September 26, from 11:30 AM to 4 PM, the streets of downtown Petaluma will be filled with food fanciers on a culinary journey to sample the best cuisine this river town has to offer – and that's saying something. We have been pleased to attend Taste of Petaluma for the past several years. Last year was the third annual event organized as a benefit for the Cinnabar Theater. For our entry fee, we each received 10 "Taste Tickets" and a detailed map of locations where food, wine, beverages, and entertainment were offered at dozens of Downtown locations. In case we lost the map, locations are marked with red and silver streamers or red flags.

We started out at Sienna Antiques on Petaluma Boulevard where De Schmirer Restaurant's Chef, Andrew Lujan, served their Chicken Cordon Bleu, and it was just delicious. Hiro's was our next stop for a tasty California Roll with avocado, cucumber, and fresh crab. We then walked across the street to Risibisi where Marco Palmieri served his signature Arborio Risotto with roasted chicken, cremini mushrooms and baby peas. Lalo's Goat Milk Ice Cream was also there being served by Jesse and Kirsten O'Brien. We then strolled into Jungle Vibes where - this year – Beyond the Glory Sports Bar will be serving Pulled Pork Sliders with Asian Chicken Salad.

We headed west to Jacqueline's High Tea on Western Avenue where we had fabulous chocolates from Bert's Desserts. Next, it was on to the Petaluma Market where Executive Chef Federico Muneton treated us with his excellent Coconut Prawns and Artichoke Soup.

Another great stop was

at the Riverfront Art Gallery, this year hosting Korbel Brandy and a surprise entrée from Trader Joe's. Our last call was at McNear's Saloon for a Flight of 4 beers and their Award Winning Chili. This year, we hear McNear's will be offering Prime Rib Sliders and hosting 3D Red Rum along with their beer tasters.

NOTE: You can use more than one ticket at a single location and we were sorely tempted at almost every stop.

Some of the other places we visited along the way won't be participating this year, but several new entrants are taking their places. (See the listing on the facing page.) Once again, it will take a gargantuan

effort and a bottomless stomach to try everything - but wherever you go, the tastes will be delightful. The Taste of Petaluma is a very satisfying event that brings out of town and local connoisseurs alike to sample the fine food available in Petaluma. Restaurants and shops gain new customers and it's all for a good cause – supporting Cinnabar's 37th season.

Tickets \$35 available 9/14-25 at Cinnabar Theater 707.763.8920, Gallery One, Haus Fortuna, Pelican Art Gallery, or Starstruck



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