



BOAT-TO-THROAT

Maine Course

Not everything on your plate comes from our backyard

New restos are flying in fancy fish from all over. Just-opened **Lobster West** (Encinitas) is touting its lobster rolls, pictured above, made with lobster sent overnight from Maine. **Bite of Boston** (Rancho Bernardo, La Jolla, Pacific Beach) flies in Maine lobster and New England clams for lobster rolls and clam chowder twice a week. **Fish Public** (Kensington), Tracy Borkum's newest restaurant, also brings in Maine lobster as well as Labrador redfish and Eastern Atlantic oysters. Sounds wicked good to us! —**BROOKE RENNA**

WINE

Best Wines from San Diego County

Put down the pint and grab a glass of these homegrown gems. —**LINDSEY POMEROY**



1 Orfila Vineyards
Located on a picturesque 70-acre estate in the heart of San Pasqual Valley, you'll find Orfila Vineyards and Winery. Its 2010 estate-grown Sangiovese is layers of deliciousness: plums, sour cherries, sweet spices from the oak, and a long, dry finish. \$30. 13455 San Pasqual Road, Escondido

2 Ramona Valley
Winner of the French vs. Ramona Valley Wine Challenge of 2012, the Milagro Farm Sauvignon Blanc 2011 is a wine to be reckoned with. Refreshing crisp acidity, citrus, apples, and grassy notes dominate, with a kiss of oak on the finish. \$23. 18750 Littlepage Road, Ramona

3 Edwards
A relatively new player in the Julian area, the Edwards family has won numerous awards for its unfiltered estate grown Petite Sirah. If you prefer a wine so dark and purple you can't see through it, and inky black fruits, then this wine is your hero. \$32. 26502 SR 78, Ramona

10 Hot Plates

GOOD TIPPER

Rumors, openings, and coming-soons

1 Proprietor Jay Porter has closed **The Linkery** and **Hubcap** (formerly El Take It Easy) in North Park. Both are expected to reopen under new owners this summer.

2 **Sea & Smoke** is now open in Flower Hill Promenade, from the same owners as Urban Solace in North Park and Solace & the Moonlight Lounge in Encinitas.

3 **Tender Greens** recently opened its third San Diego location, downtown in the Greyhound Bus terminal.



4 Three chefs affiliated with **Brian Malarkey's restaurants** quit last month, after he sold Gingham, rebranded Burlap as Searsucker, and changed the menu at Herringbone.

5 **Southpaw Social Club** is now open in the former El Vitral space downtown near Petco Park.

6 Chef Max Bonacci has joined the kitchen staff at **Carnitas' Snack Shack** after leaving The Linkery.



7 **Blue Ribbon Rustic Kitchen** debuted last month in Hillcrest, from the same folks behind Blue Ribbon Artisan Pizzeria in Encinitas.

8 **Tavern at the Beach** has reopened in Pacific Beach with new self-service kegs and a larger bourbon selection.



9 Consortium Holdings is opening a second **UnderBelly**, in the North Parker lofts, this year.

10 Owners of **The Flying Pig** in Oceanside are opening a second location, in Vista Village.