

NINE-TEN Restaurant:

A Taste of La Jolla's Culinary Legacy

ocated inside the historic Grande Colonial Hotel in the heart of La Jolla, NINE-TEN Restaurant has steadily earned a reputation as one of San Diego's finest dining destinations. Opened since 2001, the restaurant remains a standard-bearer for sophisticated yet approachable California cuisine, led by awardwinning Executive Chef Jason Knibb, a culinary icon in Southern California for more than two decades.

Chef Knibb's modern, market-driven approach — anchored in local and seasonal ingredients — reflects a true farm-to-table philosophy that helped pioneer the movement in San Diego. "We've evolved over the years," says Knibb, "but we stay true to our foundation of globally inspired, locally sourced cuisine." Knibb's thoughtful plates are matched in creativity by Pastry Chef Jose Alonzo III, whose desserts, including the beloved Half-Baked Chocolate Cake, are as legendary as the restaurant itself.

Housed in a space that dates back to 1926, first as the La Jolla drugstore and soda fountain, later as Putnam's Grille, NINE-TEN is rich in both history and character. Today's setting offers indoor and al fresco dining, including sidewalk and terrace seating with peeks of the Pacific Ocean. Inside, the ambiance is warm and artful, highlighted by a panoramic wall installation from local artist Dana Montlack.

Over the years, NINE-TEN has racked up accolades, including a Plate Distinction from the California MICHELIN Guide, and repeated honors for Knibb as one of the region's top chefs (including a memorable battle against Bobby Flay on Iron Chef America). The restaurant is also home to Sommelier Chris Russo, named San Diego's Best Sommelier for six consecutive years, whose expert wine pairings and deep cellar knowledge elevate every dining experience.

Beyond the accolades, NINE-TEN continues to draw locals and visitors alike with an ever-evolving menu, an award-winning wine list, and polished yet personable service. The experience is elevated but never stuffy, perfect for everything from romantic dinners and business lunches to weekend brunches with friends. | |...





SIGNATURE DINING EVENTS AT NINE-TEN:

SWEET DEAL MONDAYS

One free dessert with the purchase of two entrées.

FREE VALET PARKING TUESDAYS

Free valet parking with validation (a \$10 value).

WINE WEDNESDAY

½ priced bottles of wine during lunch and dinner.

FREE CORKAGE THURSDAY

Bring in your own bottle and we'll waive the corkage fee.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Weekend brunch with \$6 mimosas and \$8 Bloody Mary's.

