



» New This Month: Rustic Canyon

The room is noisy, and its modern edge could seem chilly if not for the candlelight and packed tables. A low-key waitstaff thread through the proceedings with glasses of small-batch vintages from the wine bar, platters of Moroccan appetizers, and Fra' Mani *salumi* plates with French bread and a (tiny) wedge of Humboldt Fog. Chef-owner Josh Loeb's market-driven menu might include seared scallops with snap peas, a hefty root vegetable potpie, or a tasty boneless chicken dish with radicchio and olive and date couscous. Lemon *panna cotta* for dessert. » 1119 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica (310-393-7050 or rusticcanyonwinebar.com). D Tue.-Sun. Beer and wine. California \$\$\$