

# HIP & HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES

## RUSTIC CANYON WINE BAR

**Owners** Rustic Canyon-born Josh Loeb brings us a charming neighborhood restaurant named for his Santa Monica birthplace. With a background in wine and restaurant management (Capo), it was his series of weekly gourmet dinner parties for friends that led to opening Rustic Canyon Wine Bar. **Vibe** This place is buzzing with upbeat locals and good conversation—communal tables are optional. **Décor** Loeb's girlfriend Claudia Reyes designed the warmly candlelit interior with its contrasting white walls and dark wood furnishings. She even created the tree-motif art on the walls. **Chef** This is the first head chef role for Samir Mohajer, formerly of Axe and The Little Door. The changing menu is Farmer's Market-inspired and features mainstays like the mouth-watering mixed Moroccan salad plate with homemade grilled flatbread and harissa. **We Loved** the fact that Loeb circulates the dining room and that this is an extension of those private dinners with delightful food and wine pairings. **Drinks** Loeb also handpicks rare selections from boutique wineries across the globe, while sparkling Prosecco cocktails made with fresh juices are worth the trip alone—try the refreshing Indochine with lemongrass and ginger. **Best Night** Any night, Tuesday through Sunday, but plan ahead. This place books up fast and has not slowed down since opening in January. 310.393.7050 | [www.rusticcanyonwinebar.com](http://www.rusticcanyonwinebar.com)

