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FOOD & SPIRITS



CAULI POWER

New varieties, roasting riffs, and stem-to-leaf deliciousness are cropping up in kitchens around the world. Cauliflower is the new kale.

DARBY, MONTANA Triple Creek

Ranch chef Hayley Finks loves colorful cauliflower for its visual appeal. She's particularly fond of the purple variety, which brings a nutty, cheesy flavor to her dairy-free red-pepper soup. 5551 *W. Fork Road.*

KENAI, ALASKA Chefs Kirsten and Mandy Dixon of wilderness outpost Tutka Bay Lodge grow their own variety of the brassica to substitute for flour in their cheddary gluten-free salmon cauliflower biscuits. *Kenai Peninsula.*

MONTRÉAL Maxime Delmont of Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth's Rosélys Restaurant prepares a zero-waste cauliflower cacio e pepe: cauliflower puree with fried leaves and noodles spiral-cut from the vegetable's stem. 900 Boulevard René-Lévesque O; restaurantroselys.com.

NEW YORK Diners savor several heirloom cauliflower varieties with sesame seeds, pine nuts, and milk *tuille* at The New York Edition's **Clocktower**. Chef Jack Logue turns to the vegetable for an earthy, sweet punch, as well as for the visual pop of tricolor cauliflower and green romanesco. 5 Madison Avenue; theclocktowernyc.com.

PHUKET, THAILAND In the kitchen of Michelinstarred **PRU** at the 63-room Trisara resort, Dutch chef Jimmy Ophorst's "Simplicity of Cauliflower" is anything but easy to produce: He wood-smokes a poached cauliflower stem, then finishes with cauliflower cream and a "couscous" made of cauliflower, shallots, mushrooms, and spring onion. 60/1 Moo 6, Srisoonthorn Road; prurestaurant.com.

ham and cauliflower at Sui Tang Li, and The Clocktower's tricolor cauliflower and green romanesco.

> SHANGHAI White, green, and purple cauliflower stir-fried in rendered *Ibérico* ham fat and topped with *jamón* slices (to your health!) stars on the menu at The Middle House's **Sui Tang Li**. 366 Shi Men Yi Road, Jing'an District.

Dinner at the Club

Classic American dining is back, with a side of its bygone social scene.



CHICAGO Alinea partners Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas delve into their Midwestern upbringings with the new, wood-paneled **St. Clair Supper Club**. Medium-rare prime rib is the centerpiece of the menu, supported by shrimp cocktails, creamed spinach, and grasshopper pie. *951 W. Fulton Market; stclairsupperclub.com*.

SANTA MONICA With tufted booths, white tablecloths, and room for just 50 diners, **Mason** looks the part of a classic dealmaking den. The menu hews to Hollywood's silver-screen era with 30-day dry-aged steaks, fresh oysters, and Dover sole served tableside. 108 W. Channel Road; masonrestaurant.com.

WEST HOLLYWOOD Lana Turner, Jim Morrison, and other celebrities frequented **The Classic Cat** in its 1960s strip-club and burlesque heyday. In the Cat's new and less notorious life as a supper club, surf-and-turf fare draws a crowd to its setting of smoked mirrors and ostrich-feather chandeliers. 8830 Sunset Boulevard; theclassiccatla.com.

L.A. glam: Martini time at The Classic Cat.