

# Paso Robles Inn Steak House

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Paso Robles Inn Steakhouse has been a favorite place for locals and visitors for more than 50 years, but their history dates even further back.

Sitting on top of natural sulfur springs, the El Paso de Robles Hotel was opened in 1891. Built in the Victorian style, the hotel stood as a fortress in the small town of Paso Robles and was the destination of the day. But, the golden era of the El Paso de Robles Hotel and Hot Springs came to an end after a major fire in 1940 burned down everything except the Grand Ballroom.

The Paso Robles Inn was reopened in 1942 as a modern bungalow-style hotel with surrounding gardens. While the inn was rich in Paso history, it did not maintain its landmark status until the Martin family bought the property in 1999 and restored it to its original beauty, including the original Grand Ballroom. Despite losing one building in the 2003 earthquake, the property currently offers 30 deluxe spa hotel rooms and six two-bedroom suites, all with mineral spring tubs in the rooms.

With an outdoor patio and fire-pit tables overlooking the gardens, Paso Robles Inn Steakhouse, which was remodeled last fall, is a classic steakhouse with a modern twist. Offering a diverse menu, the restaurant has access to great resources, including seafood, produce from the Santa Maria Valley and other artisan products. The chefs regularly go to

the farmers' market to buy ingredients for the recently revised family-friendly menu which offers more options for the budget-conscious visitor. Offering breakfast, lunch and dinner, some of the popular dishes are the halibut soft tacos, the pulled pork sandwich and the Santa Maria-style BBQ. The wine list features an extensive selection of Central Coast wines. In partnership with Tobin James Winery, they feature a Westside Zinfandel which is served directly from stainless steel tanks into a decanter.

Check out Prime Rib Wednesday where you can get a 10-oz prime rib with potato of choice and mixed green salad for \$19.95 or a prime rib sandwich and potato for \$12.95. And, if you stop at the Paso Robles Steakhouse after a day of wine tasting in the area, you will receive complimentary corkage on your first bottle of any San Luis Obispo County wine.

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