



January 2016 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Have you made all of your resolutions for 2016? Are you going to try to stick to them? I hope to have the same endurance with my 2016 resolutions as I did in 2015. I made a 2015 resolution to eat at Curtis Stone's Maude Restaurant every month. It would seem easy to eat at a restaurant every month. How is that difficult? But to eat at Maude every month was more challenging than it would seem. It was worth every effort! And, I am excited to share this story in **LA Weekly!**

[Meet The Curtis Stone Superfan Who Dined at Every Maude Dinner in 2015](#)

As 2016 is already underway, I am shaking my head in disbelief that it is yet another year. But, I am looking ahead to a successful year! There will be lots of new restaurants, wine, cocktail and travel stories to share to help you as you look to "please your palates". Stay tuned for some great events throughout the year as well!

Upcoming Events

Santa Barbara Wines Los Angeles Roadshow May 2016

Santa Barbara wineries will be coming to LA throughout the month of May for dinners and tastings. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

For the Pinot Noir lovers out there, don't miss [Pinot Days!](#)

5th Annual Pinot Days New York

January 23, 2016
City Winery, Manhattan

9th Annual Pinot Days Chicago

April 16, 2016
Navy Pier, Lakeview Terrace Room

12th Annual Pinot Days San Francisco

June 18, 2016
Metreon Mall - City View Room

Check out www.pleasethepalate.com for upcoming events and if you want to be notified of blog posts when they go live, please sign up on our [here](#).

WINE

[Toast the new year with a glass of Champagne Baron de Rothschild](#)

[Getting to know Greek wines: Naoussa and the Grape Xinomavro](#)

[The Ladies of Porto Carras](#)

[Getting to know Greek wines: Santorini and the grape assyrtiko](#)

[Women in Wine: Ioanna Vamvakouri and Venetsanos Winery](#)

[Getting To Know Moroccan Wines](#)

[Aglianico: The Barolo of the South](#)

[The patriarch of modern Priorat: Carles Pastrana](#)

[Vintage Port](#)

[Exploring The Wines of Seneca Lake, Finger Lakes, New York](#)

[The Wine Bible Second Edition is Here!](#)

[Tara Gomez, a Native American winemaker](#)

[Rethinking Lodi](#)

[Wine That's Made In The Vineyard](#)

SPIRITS

[Startup Stories of Spirits Entrepreneurs: CATOCTIN CREEK](#)

[Startup Stories of Spirits Entrepreneurs: Re:Find Handcrafted Spirits](#)

[What's Your Perfect Martini?](#)

[Give Vodka Another Chance](#)

[Startup Stories of Spirits Entrepreneurs: Teeling Irish Whiskey](#)

COCKTAILS

[The Heralded Return of Clifton's Cafeteria, Los Angeles' Oldest Cafeteria](#)

[Harlowe Bar West Hollywood](#)

[It's Fowlplay at Upstairs at the Ace Hotel](#)

[Bar Mattachine – Downtown LA's First Craft Cocktail Gay Bar](#)

TECH

[Apps To Watch: GRATE – Redefining The Consumer Restaurant Review](#)

[Maude Transitions Over To Online Reservation System](#)

GIFTS

[Book Ideas for the Holidays](#)

FOOD

[The Growing Food Scene of the San Fernando Valley](#)

[The Allure of the White Truffle](#)

[Sambar Restaurant Explores Pairing Wine with Indian Cuisine](#)

[Wine and Food Pairing Dinners at Whole Foods](#)

[Tommy's Mexican Restaurant Celebrating 50 Years](#)

[A Taste of Monterey at a Pop-Up Dinner at Redbird](#)

[Picnic LA](#)

[BierBeisl Imbiss](#)

[Añejo Cantina & Grill Is Spicing Up Ventura Blvd.](#)

[Time for Sunday School! Brunch at Public School 818](#)

[Boxwood Restaurant at the London Hotel](#)

[Maru Santa Monica](#)

[Via Veneto Santa Monica](#)

[Stickhouse Gelato Santa Monica](#)

[Tapas and Brunch are the Perfect Combo at Smoke.Oil.Salt](#)

[Upscale Korean BBQ Comes to Culver City at Hanjip](#)

[Chef Ricardo Zarate Returns To The LA Culinary Scene](#)

[Viviane Restaurant, Beverly Hills](#)

[Yalla Mediterrean Comes to Los Angeles](#)

[Happy Hour at Fogo de Chão](#)

[Inspired by Travel, Wanderlust Creamery Brings Unique Ingredients to Artisanal Ice Cream](#)

[Going Old School at Hard Rock Café](#)

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