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Legend

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- ☼ Breakfast
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- ☼ Patio
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- ☼ Cheap
- SS Inexpensive
- SSS Moderate
- SSSS Expensive

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

AQUA RIVA Colourful room with water-front view. Wood-fired roisserie, grill, and oven. Tapas, seafood, pizza selections. 200 Granville, 604-683-5599 ○SSSS

★ **BISHOP'S** Elegant, understated West Coast menu with European influences. 2183 W. 4th, 604-758-2025 SSSS

★ **BRIX** Inventive food, intelligent wine list. Attractive European-style courtyard patio. 1138 Homer, 604-915-9463 *LSSSS

CARDERO'S Busy patio overlooks Coal Harbour with view of mountains and Stanley Park. 1583 Coal Harbour Quay, 604-669-7666 ○+SSS

★ **COAST** Stylish setting showcases inventive West Coast seafood menu with global influences. 1257 Hamilton, 604-685-5010 *LSSSS

★ **CRU** Wine bar-style restaurant. West Coast-inspired small plates. 1459 W. Broadway, 604-677-4111 SSS

HART HOUSE Elegant heritage house with a view of the lake. 6664 Deer Lake Ave., Burnaby, 604-298-4278 ○+SSS

★ **HORIZONS** Panoramic view, park setting. Wood-grilled seafood and steak. 100 Centennial Way, Burnaby, 604-292-1155



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STRAIGHT GOODS

DUCE COUP North Vancouver is abuzz with new restaurants, with **Duce** (1617 Lonsdale Avenue), sib to Yaletown's Capone's, the latest draw. The space is bright and light, with clean modern lines, and the food aims to match. On the compact menu, you can find Brown Derby salad, Dungeness crab risotto fritters, and Serious Mac & Cheese. Swank cocktails invite, and there's Unibroue on tap, too.

BURNING BIMINI'S The winding lineups are on hold at Kits's Bimini Public House (2010 West 4th Avenue), after major fire damage charred the interior and roof of one of B.C.'s first neighbourhood pubs. The cause of the fire is still undetermined, but the 1910 wooden structure, which had been closed for renovations, won't be open again for some months. The Donnelly Hospitality Group, owner of Bimini's and other pubs, and nightclubs Bar None, Republic, and the Modern, says there will be no jobs lost as a result of the fire. See www.biminis.ca/ for more.

MARKET AID Fundraising dinner **For the Love of Local Food**, organized by the Coquitlam Farmers Market for next Saturday (October 13), promises a "gourmazing" three-course meal prepared by local chefs, with B.C. wines, music, and more. It's \$40 (\$15 for kids) at the Poirier Community Centre (630 Poirier Street) in Coquitlam. Tickets are available at the market. For more info: www.makebakegrow.com/.

RED SEAS B.C. B.C. is the world's third-largest producer of cranberries, and producers will be given their due at Fort Langley's 12th annual **Cranberry Festival** on Saturday (October 6) from 8:30 am to 5 p.m. There will be cranberry sales—five tonnes (10,000 pounds) of them at \$2 per pound—a pancake breakfast, cranberry-field tours, scarecrow contest, canoe regatta, cranberry pie-eating contest, a 70-vendor-strong outdoor market, and cranberry-wine tasting at the Fort Wine Company. See www.fortlangley.com/cranberry07.html for maps and details.

FUNCTIONAL FOOD Is garlic a natural Viagra? Can spinach prevent blindness? Do certain foods influence fertility, sex appeal, longevity, or moods? Dr. Mehmet Oz, "an Oprah show regular, renowned heart surgeon, and diet expert" will reveal all in **The Truth About Food** during Discovery Health Canada's Thanksgiving Day Marathon on Monday (October 8) at 2 p.m. If you miss it, the show will air weekly from October 24.

ZOOM ZOOM Doing anything between October 19 and 21? Plunk down \$1,095 and you could be roaring through the Fraser Valley, snaking along the Hope-Princeton highway, and channeling your inner road racer in a spanking-new Audi on Edible B.C.'s thrill-a-second **Audi Okanagan Culinary Weekend** (www.edible-britishcolumbia.com/). En route, you can tour wineries and enjoy private dinners featuring fine local bounty. At press time, only one spot remained. Too slow? Sign up now for next year's outings.

LE COCKTAIL It's a wonder to see nearly two dozen clear-eyed, local bartenders at noon on a Sunday ready to shake up inventive cocktails as part of **Giffard's Iron Mixologist Challenge**. The lure? A trip to France to compete in the Giffard International Cocktail Challenge. Brian Grant of Bogart's Chophouse took first, with Chamber's Josh Page finishing a close second, at the September 23 event.

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