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Jeune et Jolie's design aesthetic is Parisian chic with stylish pink banquettes, gold accents and modern artwork like this painting by Carla Cascales Alimbau.

## San Diego ( ( JEUNE ET JOLIE ) )

The brainchild of restaurant visionary John Resnick and chef Andrew Bachelier, Jeune et Jolie is a pretty-in-pink jewel box named for their two toddler daughters. And this "young and beautiful" theme translates into all aspects of the experience—from the design and nouvelle cuisine to the wine list. Bachelier and his team's elaborate culinary performance art, however, is the main event. The new wave French dishes, as Bachelier explains, are inspired by an au courant Paris movement that sees young chefs taking over classic bistros, stripping the white tablecloths and heavy sauce-laden menus, and creating a culture of bistronomy (bistro plus gastronomy). Even the vibe is laced with that *je ne sais quoi*, an indefinable distinction perfected by the French and desired by all. 2659 State St., 760.637.5266, [jeune-jolie.com](http://jeune-jolie.com)

**THE DRINK** Snag a glass of the Absinthe Partisane Vintage 2004 (\$100), an incredibly rare off-menu bottle. Made from Pontarlier's 2004 wormwood harvest, production was limited to only 1,000 bottles.

**THE TABLE** The Chef's Table is the premier dining location and seats six to eight. It has been booked out weeks in advance since the restaurant's opening. The nightly five- to six-course Carte Blanche tasting menu (\$85 per person) changes weekly at Bachelier's whim.

**THE AESTHETIC** Design firm Bells + Whistles' main objective was, "How do we convey youth and beauty?" Blush pink banquettes draw you in, while custom terrazzo counters add playfulness. Even the bold tile inlay around the perimeter of the bar contours the space—"the lipstick of the bar, if you will."

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