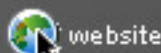


Local search

Search

Starlite [PRINT](#) [EMAIL THIS](#) [SAVE THIS](#) [MOST POPULAR](#)

Tim Mays' newest addition to San Diego dining and nightlife is crafted in earthy minimalism and a stylish sense of community.

14 Reader Reviews

Average reader rating: ★★★★★

[Write a Review](#)**Address**

Starlite
3175 India St.
San Diego, CA 92103
619-358-9766

Hours

Bar: 6 pm-2 am daily
Kitchen: 6 pm-12:30 am Mon-Fri; 6 pm-1 am Sat-Sun

By **Doug Wagner**
FOR SIGNONSANDIEGO

For all its vogueish panache, modern dining in San Diego is an enterprise all too often missing that most essential facet of the restaurant experience: community. Starlite, the modish new digs of famed Casbah/Turf Club/Krakatoa owner Tim Mays (and company), gets back to basics in style. Starlite is hip and convivial -- one of the few places in San Diego to go for a contemporary supper club experience.

Starlite's hexagonal, wooden-framed entrance is stained in rich cherry and gives way to a lofted interior washed over in earthy minimalism. The roomy design is compliments of talented local design-build company Bells & Whistles. Comfy perimeter booth seating gives the place an ineffable sense of kinship.

The scene centers on a large, three-sided bar, where bartenders concoct a bevy of intriguing specialty cocktails under the ambient glow of a massive polished steel pipe chandelier. Starlite's coup de grace is the back patio, where patrons dine beneath the restaurant's celestial namesake. Here, an additional outdoor bar caters to those who prefer their top-shelf bourbon accompanied by cigarette or cigar.

Starlite's menu comprises starters like pommes frites, frito misto of calamari and a richly arrayed cheese plate and homemade sausage, and ever-changing entrees including seared scallops with arugula and a prime flat-iron steak with roasted vegetables. However, the must-try mainstay of the menu is the burger. Perhaps the menu's best feature, however, is that these niceties can be enjoyed late into the night. And, of course, amidst a communal atmosphere long overdue in San Diego.

last modified February 26, 2008

David Brooks/SignOnSanDiego

Bar/Club Info**ATMOSPHERE**

Lounge
Outdoor Seating
Whiskey Bars

Related Links

[Read a food review in the UT](#)
[Read a bar review in the UT](#)

