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## Park Ave

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Our very first Restaurant of the Year winner back in 2010 is still firing on all cylinders, single-handedly nurturing an oasis of dining in Stanton. Chef-partner David Slay is a dynamo, always thinking up new dishes, *prix fixe* menus, and lavish wine dinners to keep this inviting venue on diners' short lists. Last year, he launched Il Garage as an alfresco annex overlooking his vegetable garden,

with its own hours and Italy-centric menu. Park Ave's menu of contemporary American fare is hardly vast, but somehow appeals to both macho and demure appetites. We're in love with desserts by sisters Alice and Daisy Castro—warm fruit crumbles, bread puddings, and exceptional house-churned ice creams. Never a crowd follower, Slay eschews those ubiquitous third-party digital discount coupons in favor of his own fun and frequent e-deals, so be sure to get on his list.

**Field Notes** Tomato lovers, book a table come summer, when a rainbow of garden-ripe fruit and fragrant fresh herbs appears on your plate mere hours after picking.

### CHEF TRIVIA

Before every shift, Slay checks his 13,000-customer database for special requests and quirks.

### HERE'S HOW TO SAY ...

**AÇAI** ah-sigh-ee  
**ARANCINE** ah-rah-n-chee-neh  
**BRUSCHETTA** broo-skeh-tah  
**CAIPIRINHA** kai-pee-reen-ya  
**CACHAÇA** kah-shah-sah  
**CHÈVRE** shehv-ruh  
**COQ AU VIN** kohk-oh-vahn

**COTIJA** ko-tee-hah  
**FOIE GRAS** fwah grah  
**GNOCCHI** nyoh-kee  
**GRÜNER VELTLINER**  
 groo-ner felt-lih-ner  
**HABANERO** despite no tilde,  
 ha-bah-nyair-roh

**HUITLACOCHÉ** wheet-lah-koh-chay  
**JICAMA** hee-kah-mah  
**LOUKOUMÁDES** loo-koo-mah-thes  
**MOLE** moh-lay  
**MASCARPONE** mahs-kahr-poh-neh  
**NIÇOISE** nee-swahz  
**ORECCHIETTE** oh-rayk-kee-eh-t-teh

**PAELLA** pi-ay-yuh  
**PANKO** pahn-koh  
**POKE** poh-keh  
**PRIX FIXE** pree feeks  
**QUINOA** keen-wah  
**SPAETZLE** shept-slüh  
**VERDICCHIO** vehr-deek-yo

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