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With San Diego’s craft beer scene exploding, there’s no shortage of places to throw back a cold one. The new La Jolla Brewing Company’s mission is to win the hearts of locals and prove that you need not leave the Village in order to enjoy a great beer paired with a fresh, seasonal menu.

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I’m Katie Dillon, a freelance luxury travel writer who lives in seaside La Jolla, CA. This is where I document my recent trips around the world, the latest San Diego happenings and other fun lifestyle topics. Thanks for stopping by!

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The logo itself says it all. A close look reveals that it's actually Sunny Jim's cave, a somewhat secret local landmark that was once used as a vehicle for smuggling whiskey during prohibition. The cave is accessible by kayak or through the Cave Store, but oddly not too many people know it exists. Right now, [La Jolla Brewing Company](#) is flying somewhat under the radar, too, but probably not for long.

Why? The former restaurant was loved for nice people and decent beer, but not much of anything else. I suspect because the name is so similar that busy La Jollans drive right by not realizing that the entire space is different. That was me, until I was hosted there for lunch with my friend Cindy, video marketing guru at [The Pulse](#).

Five Locally-Inspired Beers Brewed On Site

Right now, this is currently more than any other La Jolla establishment. Each has a cheeky name that will resonate to La Jollans: Sunny Jim's IPA, Neptune's Nitro, Glider Port Pale, Cove Side Stout and Bird Rock Brown. I'm an IPA person, and recently read that it's the region's signature brew, so that's what I ordered. Loved it.

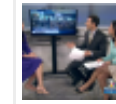
In addition to the beer brewed on site, 24 other local options are available on tap on a rotating basis to keep selection fresh. A few weeks ago, they even introduced beer cocktails.

The Huge Menu Has A Gourmet Twist

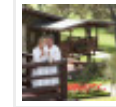
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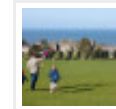
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It took us a while to sort out our order because the menu has a variety of options. It's certainly not your average bar food. There's an entire section dedicated to gourmet mac and cheese alone. Think three cheese blend of American, cheddar and pepper jack cheeses mixed with jumbo lump crab meat, topped with mini crab cakes.

Healthy eaters can choose salads—which is what Cindy and I opted to pair with our beer—or you can go for a burger or sandwich. They even have things like duck confit and flat breads with grilled hangar steak, gorgonzola cream sauce, beer braised onions and blackberries. My ahi salad was incredibly fresh with the fish seared perfectly to my liking.

La Jolla tends to lean toward the pricier side of things,



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but I think the menu pricing is in line for the area, if not a bit low.

What About The Vibe?

The interior is refreshed to a contemporary standard. The pet-friendly nature still prevails on the cozy patio, which now has fire pits for evening comfort. I would bring my daughter back, too, as there's plenty for her to eat and the ambiance is casual enough. TVs play sports during game time which will make my husband happy. You won't feel rushed out the door.

Parking Tips

There's a small lot, but if it's full and it's peak time on Fay Street, try the 2-hour parking on Eads behind the La Jolla Brewing Company. You'll have to walk through the CVS parking lot, down the short alley and into the back of La Jolla Brewing Company but it's better than taking a number of frustrating laps around the Village.

The bottom line is that new ownership brought a slew of welcome changes. Give La Jolla Brewing Company a try and let me know what you think.

**Thanks to La Jolla Brewing Company for hosting our lunch!*

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