

# Tastybytes

Summer 2006

# TASTE

ARTISAN CHEESE & GOURMET SHOP

HOURS  
Tuesday-Saturday 11am-7pm  
Sunday 11am-5pm  
Closed Monday

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Time sure flies! It's hard to believe we're already halfway through another spectacular San Diego summer. After July's blistering heat wave, we're hoping the rest of summer brings better picnic weather!

Despite the heat, we do love summer and the wonderful new cheese varieties it brings. Some of our favorite seasonal cheeses have returned and we've added a few new discoveries too. In this issue of Tasty-Bytes we'll let you know our favorite flavors of the moment, and we'll also share how you can now get Taste cheese at some of our fine local eateries. In addition, we've got new art to celebrate, an early holiday offer to share and more.

Like many of you, Taste will be taking a brief vacation later this month. Please note that Taste will be closed from Monday August 28th to Monday, -September 4th (Labor Day). We'll reopen on Tuesday, September 5th, rested, relaxed and ready with a taste!

Cheers,  
George & Mary

## Sweet Flavors of Summertime!

## TASTY<sup>NEW</sup> ARRIVALS

One of Mary's new favorites is **ROBIOLA BOSINA**. The Italian

brie-like cheese combines 3 milks (cow, goat, sheep) for a unique flavor

George says that **MONTE ENEBRO** is 'the best goat in the world' and once you've tasted this seasonal Catalonian treat, you'll understand. The snowy white pate is encased in an ashen colored mold that imparts a unique, smoky flavor.

A new treat is **SPANISH CHORIZO**. This mildly spicy, cured sausage is firm and easily sliced—perfect for picnics.

Another new treat from the Iberian peninsula is **WILD LAVENDER HONEY** from Portugal. The sweet and floral flavors are a perfect accompaniment for tangy Monte Enebro.

## Visit TasteCheese.com!

It's been a busy month since the launch of our new website, TasteCheese.com. We really appreciate all the great feedback we've received and look forward to hearing more of your comments and suggestions. If you haven't visited the site yet, please do and let us know what you think. We're adding new cheeses to the site all the time as well as frequent updates on Taste events and happenings, so plan to visit often.

In the launch announcement, we failed to acknowledge the wonderful work of our dear friend Kim Adams, who designed and built TasteCheese.com. We're so thankful for her guidance and patience throughout the process—we could *not* have done it without her!

In addition to building fantastic websites, Kim and her husband George operate a fun and informative website about another of our favorite food groups, wine. For more information, visit

[www.gangofpour.com](http://www.gangofpour.com).

## HAPPENINGS

August / September 2006

Aug 28-Sept 4th—  
TASTE CLOSED for Vacation

Sept 24th- 2pm at Taste  
Cheese101 Cheeses Kids Love  
(pre-enrollment required)

Aug-Sept—at Gallery1243  
The Photography of Larry Stein

Thru Sept 30th—  
Holiday Gift Basket Pre-Orders

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### Taste About Town

Taste has been getting out on the town and if you have too, you may have enjoyed some of our fine cheeses at one of your favorite local haunts!

Since January, Taste has been supplying the cheeses for the artisan cheese plate at Third Corner, Ed Moore's great wine bar, bistro and retail shop in Ocean Beach. This unique spot invites you to enjoy our cheeses with a bottle of wine selected from their well chosen inventory. ([www.the3rdcorner.com](http://www.the3rdcorner.com))

Another restaurant customer we've recently added is Café Eleven in Hillcrest. This great neighborhood eatery has been in business over 20 years and we're pleased to now offer a special Taste artisan cheese menu to their customers. Look for new varieties every 2 weeks! ([www.cafeelevensd.com](http://www.cafeelevensd.com))

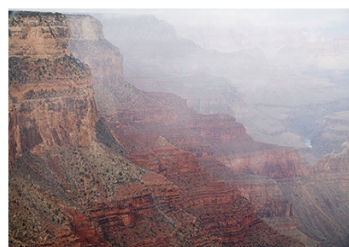
**Have a favorite place you think should offer Taste cheese? Let us know!**

### Gallery1243 Celebrates a Year of Great Local Art!

Just over a year ago, we kicked off Gallery1243, a rotating art gallery located inside Taste and Wine Steals. In our first year we featured a diverse range of art from some of San Diego's finest artists including Sinclair Stratton, Martin Sklar, Josue Castro and others. In addition to these extended exhibits, the Gallery also featured a black light installation by Nigel Brookes, Iain Gunn and Mark Hinkley for a week in October. It was amazing but brief!

To kick off the Gallery's second year, we've lined up Larry Stein, a talented and accomplished photographer, as well as a successful local businessman. When he's not taking photos, he operates Warp9 Imaging in North Park, where he reproduces and frames the work of other artists.

The photography of Larry Stein, including this breathtaking Grand Canyon image, will be on display through September 30th.



### PROSCIUTTO-WRAPPED FIGS W/ GORGONZOLA DOLCE & MARCONA ALMONDS

If fresh figs aren't available, dried black Mission figs can be substituted here; look for ones that are soft and moist.

9 large fresh black Mission figs, stemmed, halved

18 1x5-inch thin strips prosciutto

3 tablespoons Gorgonzola Dolce

¼ cup crushed Marcona Almonds

### TASTE<sub>THIS</sub>RECIPE!

Preheat broiler. Cover large rimmed baking sheet with foil.

Wrap each fig half with 1 prosciutto strip; place on prepared sheet. Broil until prosciutto chars slightly on edges, about 1 1/2 minutes. Turn figs; broil about 1 1/2 minutes longer, watching closely to prevent burning. Place 1/2 teaspoon Gorgonzola atop each fig half. Sprinkle crushed almonds on top.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 18.

### TASTE Holiday Gift Baskets Order by October 1st and Save 10%!

We know it's early, but the Taste elves are already busy with preparations for the upcoming holiday season.

Do you have a special client or family member you'd like to thank this year? A Gift Basket from Taste is always appreciated. Our baskets are made-to-order, and each one is unique. We offer a range of 'basket' choices including wooden wine boxes, cheese crates and others. Our baskets are filled with handcrafted cheeses, gourmet accompaniments and other tasty treats and then beautifully finished with festive decor. You can select the basket ingredients or we can do it for you. Wines purchased at Wine Steals can also be included in Taste gift baskets.

We're now taking pre-orders on Taste Holiday Gift Baskets. A pre-order allows you to select the date and time your basket(s) will be prepared and delivered (if needed). All we require is a bit of information and a credit card to reserve your spot. Place your order before October 1st and save 10%\*.

\*\$50.00 per basket minimum

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