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Watch out, Capt. Morgan — new double-aged rum invades San Diego's cocktail scene



Davanti Enoteca's "8 West," a tropical mai tai-style cocktail includes the clean, dry, smooth profile flavors of Brugal 1888 Rum. (James Tran)

New on the menu

Mendocino Farms has added three new menu offerings: The Real Old-School Pastrami (\$12.95 or \$18.95) is piled high with house hickory-smoked real pastrami, celery root slaw, Zoe's bread-and-butter pickles and Chef Jeremy's triple mustard on toasted mild rye bread; the Impossible Taco Salad (\$10.95), made with plant-based chorizo-spiced Impossible Burger crumbles, includes house-made superfood crunchies, butter lettuce, romaine lettuce, curly kale, black beans, roasted corn, jicama succotash, red onions, cilantro, grape tomatoes and avocado topped with a

house-vegan, cashew-nut base chipotle ranch dressing; and the Superfood Hemp Burger (\$16.95), made with hemp hearts, shiitake mushrooms, beets, kale and turmeric. Del Mar Highlands Town Center, 12873 El Camino Real, Del Mar and 8795 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla. mendocinofarms.com

Duck Dive in Pacific Beach has introduced Cocktail Flights, a tasting of four of the bar's best concoctions. For \$20, guests can sample: Take Me to Mexico, a shaken blend of watermelon-infused Los Altos Plata Tequila, basil, jalapeno, agave, lemon and fresh watermelon; Trophy Wife, a sweet beverage of Absolut Pears Vodka, St. Germain Elderflower-flavored Liqueur, fresh strawberries and bubbles; Verdicta Margarita, a house-blend of jalapeño, cilantro, pineapple and mint, mixed with agave and Los Altos Plata Tequila; and Cucumber Lemonade, made with cucumber-infused Absolut Elyx Vodka, lemon, fresh mint and agave. 4650 Mission Blvd, San Diego. (858) 273-3825. theduckdive.com

The Smoking Gun's Walk of Champagne Brunch features savory and sweet plates and drinks served out of disco balls. Menu items include brisket hash and eggs, bagel French toast with vanilla-agave cream cheese, and for imbibers, bottomless mimosas, frozen coffees like the Frappers Delight or the Disco Punch Bowl. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. 555 Market St., San Diego. (619) 233-3836. thesmokinggunsd.com

The Tamarack Deck at Park 101 has added its version of a traditional mai tai to its cocktail program. The Polynesian-inspired drink is a combination of fresh lime, a low ABV rum blend, house almond-hazelnut orgeat, orange bitters and demerara simple syrup. 3040 Carlsbad Blvd., Carlsbad. park101carlsbad.com