

DOS CARLITOS

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Dos Carlitos, which became a reality in January 2009, offers the Santa Ynez Valley a full service Mexican restaurant and tequila bar. Guests can steal away and surrender to the pleasurable and tranquil experience that Dos Carlitos exudes.

Carlitos & Cava

Owner Carlos López-Hollis was inspired to open his own restaurant after a lifetime of exposure to the restaurant business. His parents own Carlitos in Santa Barbara and López-Hollis is part owner of Cava in Montecito.

If you've experienced either of these restaurants you will recognize a familiar ambience at Dos Carlitos. "I pulled elements from both restaurants for the concept of Dos Carlitos," explained López-Hollis. "I wanted to ensure the same quality and caliber of service that Carlitos and Cava are famous for and blend them to create Dos Carlitos without duplicating either restaurant."

Atmosphere

López-Hollis hit the mark in designing Dos Carlitos. The warm rich colors selected to decorate the restaurant are inviting and create a rustic yet chic atmosphere. Marvelously crafted Mexican

pottery adorns the walls and fills the large wooden armoires that also house the more than 60 varieties of Tequila.

You can't help but have a good time while dining at this new gem of a restaurant. Live music, from a 3-piece band, every Friday and Saturday is the perfect ending to every week and the perfect beginning to every weekend.

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Regional Mexican Cuisine

Fresh and authentic is what you should expect in the way of food. Some popular dishes are the Sizzling Fajitas Platter with your choice of Mesquite

Grilled Steak, Chicken, Mahi-Mahi or Mexican Gulf Shrimp and the Fresh Halibut Ceviche Tostada.

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El Comedor

Out of view from the main dining room is *el comedor*, a private dining room with a separate entrance that offers an intimate setting for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and other celebrations. With a private bar and patio, *el comedor* can accommodate groups of up to 70.

Dos Carlitos is fast becoming a favorite spot in the valley offering versatility to diners. "I think the restaurant has universal appeal," explained López-Hollis. "Guests can get dressed up for a date night or special occasion or come in for a relaxing dinner in a pair of jeans."

Dos Carlitos is located in downtown Santa Ynez at 3544 Sagunto St. For reservations and information call 805-688-0033 or visit the website at www.doscarlitosrestaurant.com.

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A local favorite, the Fish Tacos can be enjoyed on the sunny patio or in the spacious dining room.

