

Indulge at the Jupiter

Over the past decade Portland's central Eastside has exploded with culinary craftsmen, moving into former warehouses in the midst of convenience stores, music halls and low-budget hotels, all within a 30-block area. Avant-garde restaurants, like the nationally celebrated Le Pigeon and *The Oregonian's* 2009 Restaurant of the Year, Navarre, have turned lower Burnside into the city's premier destination for chef-driven dining. Food artisans such as Alma Chocolates and Bakery Bar slowly moved in as well. And with a handful of independent distilleries creating spirits ranging from vodka distilled from local honey to absinthe, the area is now dubbed "Distillery Row."

Within the last year the neighborhood has secured its position as Portland's epicurean center, with the addition of Beaker & Flask, an innovative restaurant concept fusing creative cocktails and cuisine; two inspired sandwich shops, Bunk Sandwiches and Meat Cheese Bread; the intimate wine bar, Kir; and Laurelhurst Market, a charcuterie shop by day and modern steakhouse by night. Coming soon, Olympic Provisions will open as Portland's first USDA-approved salumeria.

It's high time for a celebration of the area's consumable offerings. The Doug Fir Lounge and Jupiter Hotel, an entertainment hub that was one of the first to revive the neighborhood, is just the place to play host. On Thursday, September 24, from 6 to 10pm, "Indulge at the Jupiter" will assemble the neighborhood's hotspots and welcome guests with food, cocktails, wine, and live music—the first in what's to be an annual event.

Admission, available at the door, is \$30 and includes all tastings, with chefs, bartenders, chocolatiers, and wine bars setup in the hotel's rooms. Here is the festival's lineup:

- Alma Chocolate
- Artisan Spirits
- Bakery Bar
- Beaker & Flask
- Biwa
- Boedecker Cellars
- Bunk Sandwiches
- Cafe Velo
- Doug Fir Lounge
- Gnostalgic Spirits
- Grochau Cellars
- Highball Distillery
- House Spirits
- Integrity Spirits
- Kir Wine Bar
- Laurelhurst Market

Le Pigeon
Meat Cheese Bread
Navarre
New Deal Distillery
Noble Rot
Portland Wine Project
Tabla Mediterranean Bistro
Xocolatl de David