

# Best Restaurant for a Special Occasion

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## **Rancho Pinot Grill**

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Did the IRS allow the "home office" write-off you took on your car? Did your teenager arrive home almost one whole minute before curfew? Did the boss agree that oversleeping is a constitutionally protected disability?

Rancho Pinot Grill is the spot to celebrate these special moments. Chef Chrysa Kaufman is fanatical about freshness and quality, and just about everything here demonstrates that commitment.

The menu changes according to what's best in the market. So you might start off with squash blossoms stuffed with ricotta and goat cheese or roasted beets tossed with almonds in a feta citrus vinaigrette.

Main dishes may include plump Maine scallops teamed with corn, bacon and leeks; an all-natural veal chop; prime-graded strip steak topped with portabella mushrooms and pancetta; or wood-oven-roasted vegetables accompanied by a crispy risotto-wheatberry cake.

Outstanding desserts and a deep wine list make the evening seem even more special.

What if you don't have a special occasion to celebrate? Don't worry: By the time you finish dinner Rancho Pinot Grill, you'll have one.