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Vu Offers Marina del Rey Dwellers Southern Fried Gastronomy

Marina del Rey doesn't really offer diners a hot bed of culinary choices. Apart from [Jer-ne at The Ritz Carlton](#) or [Café del Rey](#), there is not much to get excited about. A new water front venue in the [Jamaica Bay Inn](#), Vu, is trying to change all that with a former chef from Atlanta.

Open only a few weeks, Executive Chef Kyle Schutte, an L.A. newbie from Atlanta's [One Restaurant](#), is featuring Southern inspired small plates for sharing with a touch of molecular driven dishes. While focusing on California ingredients, a few combinations that work well include pork shank with an ivory lentil salad and poblano cream; pork belly with crispy grits topped with root beer jello; and a charcuterie-cheese plate made at 'the chef's whim.' End with either the pliable chocolate ganache with lime sorbet tequila and micro cilantro, or white chocolate polenta with frosted flakes and berries. "Great food should be fun and sophisticated, as well as innovative and familiar," says Chef Kyle. "These dishes combine elements of science and creativity, and will tempt people to venture outside traditional preparations."

The 150-seat restaurant has been given a modern make over while keeping the full harbor view, but you might want to sit outside by the cozy fire pits with a drink overlooking the beach and gardens to shake that hotel feeling. Specialty cocktails include A Vu to a Kill with gin, prosecco and blueberries. [The Feast]

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