

The Progressive Menu

GLOBALLY INCLINED



PINEAPPLE MOJITO

COCKTAIL The Table's lounge has loads of ambiance and claims the mojito as its signature drink. The pineapple version is spot on for a balmy spring night, and Mesa's mix makes you sit up and take notice. **The Table Restaurant**, 1934 Hillview St., Sarasota, 941-365-4558

PINCHOS DE SOLOMILLO

STARTERS Enjoy these tenderloin brochettes in the tapas bar's new surrounds: Sangria re-opened in February with 150 seats and a full bar. Want more? Try the chuletas de cordero (Mediterranean-style lamb chops). **Sangria**, 1532 Main St., Sarasota, 941-955-8272

ASADO WITH QUINOA SALAD

FIRST Go early to Malabar, the brainchild of Chef Darwin Santa Maria of Selva Grill, and try this Peruvian salad staple. Quinoa's subtle, earthy flavor provides a nice complement to the rich asado. **Malabar**, 1987 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, 941-955-1313

LOBSTER ROLL

SECOND Chef Baw says these rolls—lobster meat baked on top of a California roll—are favorites, with small groups ordering 30-60 at a time. The restaurant has also unveiled its Yume Pizza: rice base, special sauce and crab steak topped with tuna or salmon and garnished with scallion and fish egg. "Everyone wants to know if we'll deliver it," says Chef Baw. **Yume Sushi**, 1537 Main St., Sarasota, 941-363-0604

AMARETTO CHEESECAKE

DESSERT Treviso's cheesecake and the traditional tiramisu are perfection, but diners might be swayed by the mini, chocolate bunte cake, a fairly new addition to the dessert menu. Treviso is in the process of becoming the first certified green restaurant in the area, yet another reason to keep it on the progressive rotation. **Treviso**, 5401 Bayshore Rd., Sarasota, 941-360-7390

BELHAVEN BEST BEER

AFTER DINNER DRINKS Owner Karen Ronney describes this beer as "dark and heavy," great for envisioning yourself in a cozy Edinburgh pub. For serious nippers, MacAllisters Malt Whisky Club has over a 100 members, all of whom get to chat up visiting distillers and taste their samples. **MacAllisters**, 8110 Lakewood Main St., Lakewood Ranch, 941-359-2424