



Heading up the attentive service team at Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill are (from left) General Manager Ryan Guy, owner John Bertram, and Executive Chef Alex Jaime.

Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill

TWO LOCATIONS FOR AWARD-WINNING PIZZA AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

By Gayl Biondi • Photography by Ethan Kaminsky

ONCE YOU FIND STUFF PIZZA BAR & GRILL AT THE west end of Old Town La Quinta, you'll recognize why regular customers speak so passionately about their neighborhood hangout. With more than 100 menu items in addition to the award-winning pizza, and more than 35 wines served by the glass, this family owned and operated restaurant is much more than just a pizza place.

The news gets even better in 2014 when a second location opens in the Westfield shopping center on Highway 111 in Palm Desert. The mall location will be part of a new grand entrance next to Barnes & Noble with welcoming patios and valet parking. "We'll bring along our same fun-loving atmosphere for families and friends to the new location," says owner John Bertram.

There's something for everyone at Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill, from watching your favorite team on HDTVs in the bar to relaxing on one of two serene patios with views of the Santa Rosa Mountains. The only challenge you might have is deciding between prime steaks, fresh seafood,

inventive salads, or (of course) made-to-order pizzas. For those who just can't decide on one thing, a full menu of small plates gives diners a chance to share.

The restaurant was recently recognized by *Wine Spectator* for the wine program which features more than 150 reserve bottles sold at near-retail pricing. As John Bertram observes, "We serve such a wide range of food from Prime Steak to great Pizza and we want to provide customers with a high-quality wine pairing at a price point that's in line with our menu. The wine program is very popular."

Whether it's lunch alfresco, happy hour every day throughout the restaurant, a special occasion or impromptu dinner, curbside to go, or event catering, the Stuff Pizza family is ready to serve you in La Quinta and soon in Palm Desert!

Open Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; with Happy Hour daily from 3 to 6 p.m.

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Shown at right: Some of the exceptional choices at Stuff Pizza Bar & Grill are (clockwise from lower left) the hearty Summer Salad with grilled chicken breast on a bed of romaine and mixed greens with grapes, apples, dried cranberries, candied walnuts, and gorgonzola cheese tossed with chipotle honey mustard dressing; the seared rare Cajun Ahi piled high on a bed of cabbage with seaweed salad in soy reduction, wasabi, and ginger; presented on "Chef's Rice" this perfectly grilled USDA Prime New York Steak with sautéed vegetables; and the "Classic" Stuff Pizza with pepperoni, Italian sausage, mushrooms, red onions, bell peppers, and fresh tomatoes. A generous pour of Kosta Browne 2009 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir, rated No. 1 in the world by *Wine Spectator*, is shown with the dishes.

MENU HIGHLIGHTS

SMALL PLATES

Cajun Ahi
seared rare in Cajun spices on a bed of cabbage with seaweed salad

Tacos
Carne Asada Street Tacos, Baja Fish Tacos, Korean-Style Tacos
Prosciutto Flatbread signature pizza crust with fresh mozzarella, prosciutto, and basil

ENTRÉES

Summer Salad
grilled chicken breast on greens with grapes, apples, dried cranberries, candied walnuts, and gorgonzola
Prime New York Steak
12-ounce prime certified angus beef with sautéed wild mushrooms, asparagus, and fingerling potatoes
New Orleans Chicken and Shrimp, tossed in linguini with fresh bell peppers, green onions, and Creole sauce

DESSERTS

"Stuff This! Ice Cream Pie"
Rockslide Brownie
Assorted Sorbets

ON THE BEST OF THE CELLAR

Kosta Browne Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast
Paloma Merlot, Napa Valley
Quilceda Creek Cabernet Sauvignon, Columbia Valley Washington
35+ Wines by the Glass
Rotating Microbrew Taps
15 Specialty Cocktails including the Stuff Barrel Aged Manhattan

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