

Valley Restaurants to Try in June

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Whether you're looking to dine nearby or venture to a restaurant a little out of the way, here are four fab eateries in various necks of the Valley.

Tutti Santi



With locations in Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa and Glendale, Valley residents don't have to travel far for top-notch Italian fare prepared by chefs Nina Vincenti and Marco DeOrta. Must-have menu items include the homemade gnocchi and lasagna. Valleywide locations. www.tuttisantiiristorante.com.

Divine Dessert: A meal at Tutti Santi isn't truly finished until you've polished off the wonderful tiramisu. —*Melissa Larsen*

Il Vinaio



Downtown Mesa's American wine bistro is mixing it up with home-style cuisine in the morning and Mediterranean must-haves at night. Order everything from Belgian waffles and biscuits and gravy to crisp romaine salad and buttered gnocchi. 270 W. Main St., Mesa, 480.649.6476, www.ilvinaio.com.

Don't Miss Dish: Fill up on fat noodles baked with Parmesan, fontina, mozzarella and spicy cappicola before delving into dessert. —*Christine Whitton*

'Pomo Pizzeria



'Pomo Pizzeria, the newest addition to The Borgata of Scottsdale, serves up Neapolitanstyle slices (meaning that the pie is cooked for no longer than 90 seconds, allowing the fresh nd flavorful ingredients to shine through). For dessert, the semifreddo di mandorle will have you grinning from ear to ear. 6166 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, 480.998.1366, www.pomopizzeria.com.

Don't Miss Dish: The margherita D.O.C., with San Marzano tomatoes, mozzarella, extra virgin olive oil and basil, proves that simplicity is scrumptious. —*M.L.*

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Sens Asian Tapas & Sake Bar



Downtown Phoenix is heating up thanks to Executive Chef Johnny Chu, who's cooking a variety of Chinese, Japanese, Thai and Vietnamese small plate-style dishes. Selections include napa rolls, a papaya-mango salad, fried spicy wontons, several vegetarian dishes and more. 705 N. First St., Phoenix, 602.340.9777, www.sensake.com.

Drink Up: Sens is the first Phoenix-area bar to offer 85 different kinds of sake. —C.W.