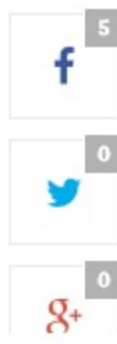


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Blogs We Love: Vietnamese Delights with Bloggers Behind Gastronomy Blog

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"American diner meets Vietnamese comfort food." That's the slogan of Good Girl Dinetette, a cozy Vietnamese restaurant in Highland Park, Los Angeles that the couple behind Gastronomy Blog chose as our meeting spot. I'm no stranger to Vietnamese food and have to admit I was a little hesitant at the suggestion; my family had just splurged at a traditional Vietnamese place and I was still full of vermicelli, spring rolls, rice cakes, and pho – all menu regulars. I now, however, must sheepishly retract any hesitation I had harbored as we had quite the gastronomic delight!

The Gastronomer and Astronomer were such fun company to share the home crafted concoctions of Good Girl Dinetette's kitchen. Their enthusiasm for the ethnic enclaves of Los Angeles, and their respective ethnic cuisines, was an exciting topic of conversation. The Gastronomer reminded me of how ethnically diverse Los Angeles is – you can literally find any type of cuisine you're looking for! Various regions of China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Korea, Ethiopia, Mexico, Peru, and El Salvador all have representations in Los Angeles. The Gastronomer and Astronomer have fervently sought out the best of each of these categories and are continuously trying something new. Even though I consider myself a foodie, I realized that I hadn't even scratched the surface of



imperial rolls stuffed with mushrooms came out first and the rice paper skins fried to perfection were still chewy to the bite. The scallion dressing on lightly fried rice cakes topped with tofu created a harmonious clash of textures. For the main courses, a chicken curry potpie and Vietnamese pork confit were set in front of us. Never had curry been served to me with a buttermilk biscuit on top, and I hope that it will not be my last! The ground pork confit was in a dense and savory sauce that we couldn't help but pour over rice until the last drop was gone. Throughout the course of the meal we shared our love for the authentic hole-in-the-wall joints that nobody knows about and the thrill of finding a new favorite restaurant. Conversation flowed from the known chefs to the unknown, and back again to our mutual love of Asian cuisine. To me, the best kind meal is one that is centered on food. And this meal, in all senses, was.

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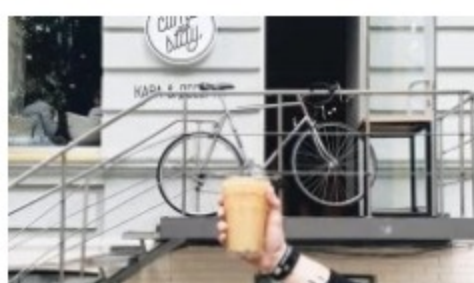
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