

WINES BY THE GLASS

BUBBLES (glass/bottle)

NV Wölffer Estate, "Spring in a Bottle"
Alcohol-Removed Blanc de Blancs,
Mosel, Germany | 15 200ml btl

NV Miguel Torres, "Estelado" **Brut Rosé**,
Maule Valley, Chile (**País**) | 12/45

NV Charpentier, "Tradition Brut"
Vallée de la Marne, Champagne,
France | 28/110

WHITE (glass/bottle)

2023 Gustave Lorentz, Réserve. **Pinot Blanc**,
Alsace, France | 14/55

2023 August Kessler, "R," **Riesling**
Kabinett, Rheingau, Germany | 12/45

2023 Finca La Carrodilla, "Ir y Venir"
Sauvignon Blanc, Valle de Guadalupe,
B.C., Mexico | 15/60

2024 Casa Magoni, "Manaz Blanco"
Viognier/Fiano, Valle de Guadalupe, B.C.,
Mexico | 16/65

2022 Miguel Torres, "Cordillera de las
Andes" **Chardonnay**, Limarí Valley,
Chile | 15/60

ROSÉ (glass/bottle)

2024 Paoloni, **Sangiovese** dry Rosé, Valle
de Guadalupe, B.C., Mexico | 15/60

RED (glass/bottle)

2024 King Estate, "Inscription" **Pinot Noir**,
Willamette Valley, Oregon | 15/60

2021 Foxglove, **Zinfandel**, Paso Robles,
California | 13/50

2023 Aborigin, "Incógnito" Valle de
Guadalupe, B.C., Mexico (**Grenache**,
Cabernet, **Tempranillo**) | 14/55

2020 La Rioja Alta, "Viña
Alberdi" Reserva, Rioja, Spain
(**Tempranillo**) | 16/65

2022 Gil Family Estates, Red Blend,
Jumilla, Spain (**Cabernet**, **Monastrell**,
Syrah) | 14/55

*Wines shown with this symbol indicate
producers which practice biodynamic, organic
or sustainable agriculture in their vineyards.*

SPIRIT FREE

Zen Margarita | DHOS blanco tequila,
DHOS orange, agave,
lime | 14

Coco Loco | Ritual Zero Proof Rum,
pineapple, lime, coconut, canella | 14

Mango Chile Sparkler | Oaxacan
pasilla, Ritual Zero Proof Whiskey,
lime, mango puree, DHOS orange,
Topo Chico, Tajin rim | 14

Espresso Martini | DHOS blanco
tequila, Lyre's Coffee Originale
liqueur, piconcillo, espresso, chocolate
bitters | 14

COCKTAILS

BRUNCH SPECIALTIES

Mimosa | Choice of our housemade
agua de jamaica or fresh-squeezed
orange juice topped with Jean Louis
Brut Blanc de Blanc | 12

Bloody Maria | Choice of Espolón
Blanco tequila, Mezcal Del Amigo
or Vodka, tomatoes, fresh citrus,
Worcestershire, Tajin rim | 14

Crema de Cajeta | Creamy liqueur
featuring Abasolo Mexican whiskey,
house-made cajeta caramel, two
milks (condensed, evaporated),
piloncillo | 12

Banderita | Housemade sangrita
(tomatoes, fresh lime & orange juice,
Tamazula), choice of Espolón blanco
tequila or Wahaka espadín mezcal,
Tecate | 10

Chelada | Dos Equis lager, fresh lime
juice, salted rim | 8

OUR CLASSICS

Topolo Margarita | Espolón
reposado tequila, Torres Orange
Liqueur, sweetened lime juice. Shaken
tableside | 15

Blue Agave Margarita | Ojo de Agua
blanco tequila, Cointreau orange
liqueur, fresh lime juice. Shaken
tableside | 15

Mezcal Margarita | Mezcal Del Amigo,
Grand Marnier, sweetened lime juice,
Peychauds. Shaken tableside | 16

Champagne Margarita | Espolón
reposado tequila, Royal Combier
orange liqueur, sweetened lime
juice & topped with Taittinger brut
champagne | 18

Splurge Margarita | El Tesoro añejo
tequila, PF dry curaçao, Royal Combier
orange liqueur, agave, lime juice | 35

The Bucktown | Montelobos espadín
mezcal, Abasolo whiskey, Cocchi
Vermouth di Torino, Angostura
bitters | 16

FRONTERA SEASONAL

Carrot & Ginger Spritz | Amaras Verde
mezcal, Apologue Carrot liqueur, spicy
ginger liqueur, Suze, orange bitters,
sparkling water | 16

Spicy Pineapple Margarita | El Barro
mezcal, Chinola pineapple liqueur,
Tanteo Habanero tequila, Rhine Hall
pineapple eau de vie, hint of Oaxacan
rum, fresh lime | 16

Herbal Batanga | Codigo 1530 blanco
tequila, Mama Chuy Mexican cafe
liqueur, lime, Mexican Coke,
salt | 16

Springtime Old Fashioned | Codigo
blanco tequila, La Venenosa Tabernas
raicilla, Don Ciccio & Figil prickly
pear liqueur, Maxico Mistico hibiscus
liqueur, Peychaud's bitters | 16

BEER

DRAFT

Dos Equis Lager | (Mexico) Lager 7
Monopolio Lager Clara | Lager 7

LOCAL BEERS

Off Color Brewing / Beer For Tacos
(Chicago, IL) Gose | 8

MEXICAN FAVORITES

Corona Light | Lager | 6.50

Dos Equis Amber | Vienna-style
lager | 6

Pacifico | Pilsner | 6

Tecate | Lager | 6

Victoria | Vienna Lager | 6

Modelo Especial | Lager | 6

Monopolio IPA | IPA Especial | 7

Corona Non-Alcoholic | Lager | 6.50

COFFEE & TEA

Dark Matter Coffee Majomut | from
Chiapas, Mexico | 2.5

Cappuccino | 4.5

Latte | 4.5

**Dark Matter Coffee Unicorn Blood
Espresso** | 4

Rare Tea Cellars | Horchata Chai • Mint
Meritage • Chamomile Blossoms • Crema
Earl Grey • Emperor's Dragonwell Green
| 5.00

Frothy Mexican Hot Chocolate | House-
ground bean-to-cup Mexican chocolate
steamed with hot milk | 5

Chocolate Cappuccino |
DMC Unicorn Blood espresso and house-
ground bean-to-cup chocolate steamed
with hot milk | 5.50

Café De Olla | Sweet coffee, spiced,
fruity | 3.75

Spiked Hot Chocolate | House-ground
bean-to-cup chocolate steamed with hot
milk. Choice of a pour of Abasolo Mexican
whiskey, Espolón reposado tequila, or
Montelobos espadín mezcal | 14

SOFT DRINKS

Agua del Día | Daily fresh fruit
water | 3.50

Agua de Jamaica | Hibiscus tea | 3.50

Limonada | Sparkling fresh-squeezed
limeade | 3.50

Iced Tea | Rare Tea Cellar Black Citron |
3.50

Diet Coke | 2

Mexican Coke | 4

Tehuacán Brillante | Mexican sparkling
water 5

Agua Piedra Sparkling or Still | 7

WHERE OUR FOOD COMES FROM

*We proudly serve handmade tortillas featuring
organic corn from Mexico.*

*Our goal is to serve you seasonal sustainably
raised vegetables, meat & poultry from local
artisanal farms. Following the Monterey Bay
Aquarium's Seafood Watch guidelines, we source
only from sustainable fisheries.*

VEGETABLES, BEANS

The majority come from small local
farms:

- Nichols Farm (Marengo, IL)
- Spence Farm (Fairbury, IL)
- Three Sisters Garden (Kankakee, IL)
- Mighty Vine (Rochelle, IL)
- Snug Haven (Belleville, WI)
- Bayless Garden (Chicago)
- Iron Creek (La Porte, IN)

FRUIT The majority comes from farms
in Michigan:

- Ellis Farm (Benton Harbor, MI)
- Klug Farm (St. Joseph, MI)
- Seedling Farm (South Haven, MI)

PORK Antibiotic-free and pasture-
raised by Gunthorp Farms (LaGrange, IN)

CHICKEN Miller Farms (Orland, IN)

GOAT Pasture raised from the Kilgus
brothers at Pleasant Meadows Farm
(Fairbury, IL)

BEEF Antibiotic free prime and choice
Creekstone Natural Black Angus (KS)



FISH, SHELLFISH

This mark indicates that the
listed seafood is rated green
for environmental sustainability
by Monterey Bay Aquarium's
Seafood Watch. CHOICE Learn
more at seafoodwatch.org..

CORN Non-GMO, heirloom corn for our
hand-made tortillas comes from Oaxaca,
Mexico, grown on family farms and
made into masa for us by El Popocatepetl,
(Chicago)

MILK & CREAM Organic,
non-homogenized, grass-fed and
batch pasteurized: Kalona SuperNatural
(Kalona, IA)

CHEESE

- Raw milk Jack and Colby from Jersey
cows: Samuel Stoltzfus' Meadow Valley
(Middlebury, IN)
- Farmstead goat cheeses, Prairie Fruits
Farm (Champaign, IL)
- Cheddar, Hook's (Mineral Point, WI)

RICE Cahokia Rice, McClure, Illinois

EGGS are from Little Farm on the
Prairie (Saunemin, IL)

OLIVE OIL is Baja Precious from
northern Baja



ANTOJITOS CLASSIC MEXICAN STARTERS

“ENCHILADAS” POTOSINAS

Crispy red-chile masa turnovers (*spicy homemade fresco cheese filling*), avocado mash, crema, Tamazula drizzle, arugula | 15

OUR FAMOUS TORTILLA SOUP

Dark broth with pasilla, smoked chicken, avocado, artisan Jack cheese, homemade crema, crispy tortilla strips | 14

CORN-MASA QUESADILLAS, MEXICO CITY-STYLE

Crispy corn masa “turnovers” filled with artisan Jack cheese & epazote. Avocado-tomatillo salsa | 15

SOPECITOS RANCHEROS

Crispy little corn masa “boats,” braised beef filling, roasted tomato-serrano sauce, avocado, fresco cheese | 15

CLASSIC FRONTERA CEVICHE*

British Columbian albacore (*pole and line*), lime, tomatoes, olives, cilantro, green chile | 20

INDIVIDUAL APPETIZER SAMPLER

Frontera’s Michoacán guacamole, tuna ceviche, Mexico City-style cheese quesadilla, crispy chicken taquito with homemade crema & fresco cheese | 21

VEGETABLES

ENSALADA DE JICAMA Y FRUTAS

Grilled jicama salad with orange, pineapple, cucumber & endive. Citrus dressing, guajillo chile dust | 15

GRILLED BROCCOLI, SALSA MACHA

Grilled broccoli, cashew salsa macha (*red chile, cashew, roasted garlic, olive oil*), queso añejo | 13

CAMOTE BRAVO

Roasted Mexican white sweet potato (*hasselback-style, morita chile glaze*), spicy Baja crema, grilled knob onion, añejo cheese | 13

FRONTERA’S CLASSIC QUESO FUNDIDO

Samuel’s artisan Jack cheese, roasted peppers, homemade chorizo, heirloom corn tortillas | 15

SMOKED CHICKEN TAQUITOS, GUACAMOLE

Crispy smoked chicken taquitos, black beans, classic guacamole, homemade crema, roasted tomatillo salsa, fresco cheese | 16

TAMALES DE ELOTE, ESQUITES FRITOS

Sweet corn tamales steamed in banana leaves, fried corn esquites (*butter, epazote, lime*), homemade crema & añejo cheese, smoky powdered chile (*guajillo, chipotle*) | 15

GUACAMOLE & CHIPS

Mashed Michoacán avocados, tomato, serrano chile, cilantro, lime. Served with homemade tortilla chips, three chile salsa & roasted tomatillo salsa | 19

FRONTERA SALAD

Artisan greens, grilled garlic-chive dressing (*green chile, lime*), Jack cheese, buttery black pepper croutons | 16

CAESAR CARDINI’S ORIGINAL SALAD

Artisan greens, classic dressing (*Baja olive oil, Dijon mustard, garlic, Worcestershire*), dry jack cheese, black pepper croutons | 16

SALAD ADDITION:

Grilled chicken breast | 8

Please inform your server of ANY allergies as not all ingredients are listed.

Classic Mexican dishes vary from mild to spicy. We always have habanero salsa for you to add if you wish.

A 20% service charge will be added to each check

This is to insure a full and equitable salary for all our staff. No additional gratuity is necessary, but if we have exceeded your expectations, please feel free to leave a little more. It will be split between the service staff.

* These items are served, undercooked, cooked to order or contain undercooked ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked animal products may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have medical conditions.

LUNCH FAVORITES

SMOKED CHICKEN QUESADILLAS

Griddled flour tortillas with smoked local Amish chicken breast, caramelized onions and Samuel’s artisan Jack cheese. Guacamole, two salsas, black beans, Little Gem salad | 23

▪ sub beef short rib or shrimp | 4

CHICKEN TOSTADAS

Crispy tortillas piled with tomato, avocado, black beans, crema, homemade fresco cheese, Artisan greens | 21

▪ substitute shrimp | 4

BAJA FISH FOR TACOS*

Crispy Lake Superior walleye, creamy cabbage “slaw,” pickled red onions, chiptole salsa, crema, black beans, handmade tortillas of organic heirloom corn from Mexico for making tacos | 21

CRISPY CARNITAS FOR TACOS

Gunthorp Farms pasture-raised pork carnitas. Served with handmade tortillas of organic heirloom corn from Mexico, black beans, salsa verde, guacamole | 23

CARNE ASADA BRAVA*

Habanero-marinated Creekstone Black Angus flank steak, salsa huevona (*hand-crushed roasted tomatoes & jalapeños*), sweet corn tamales (*crema, fresco cheese*), sliced grilled knob onions | 38

OAXACAN CARNE ASADA*

Red chile-marinated grilled prime ribeye steak, black beans, sweet plantains, homemade crema, fresco cheese, guacamole | 48

▪ add 2 sunny side up eggs | 4

SALMÓN EN SALSA DE CACAHUATE

Red chile-grilled organic British Columbian king salmon, peanut-red chile salsa, malanga mash, watercress | 45

CAMARONES AL MOJO DE AJO VERDE*

Grilled Florida pink shrimp, slow-cooked wild ramp mojo with hoja santa, herby green rice, peashoots, lime | 36

ENCHILADAS DE MOLE

Handmade corn tortillas, Amish country chicken (*caramelized onions*), homemade mole poblano (*27 ingredients*), crunchy garnishes | 27

ENCHILADAS SUIZAS

Just-made tortillas, grilled chicken-caramelized onion filling, creamy tomatillo sauce, melted artisan Jack, crispy onions | 27

ENCHILADAS A LA PLAZA

Red chile-seared enchiladas, maitake mushrooms, red chile potatoes & carrots, napa cabbage, homemade fresco cheese | 23

EGGS & BRUNCH SPECIALITIES

HUEVOS MOTULEÑOS

Two fried eggs on a crispy tostada with roasted tomatoes, country ham, peas, sweet fried plantains, fresh cheese & black beans | 16

FRONTERA HOT CAKES

Homemade corn pancakes, whipped goat cheese, pecans, maple syrup, Gunthorp pork breakfast sausage, two eggs sunny-side up | 16

BAJÍO-STYLE EGGS

Two poached eggs in crispy masa boats, black beans, creamy chile poblano sauce & homemade chorizo | 16

HUEVOS ENCAMISADOS

2 eggs cooked inside a puffed tortilla, pinto enfrijolada sauce, salsa verde, tender pork carnitas, crema, homemade fresco cheese, onions & cilantro | 16

HUEVOS RANCHEROS

Eggs (sunny-side up), roasted tomato sauce, fresh-baked corn tortillas, black beans, fresh cheese, artisan greens | 16

BREAKFAST ENCHILADAS

Fresh-baked corn tortillas rolled around chorizo ‘n’ eggs, creamy tomatillo sauce, a melted blanket of Samuel’s Jack cheese, black beans | 16

CHILAQUILES WITH GUAJILLO

Quick simmered tortilla “casserole,” red guajillo chile sauce, homemade crema, aged Mexican cheese, avocado, sunny-side up egg. Artisan greens | 16

HUEVOS A LA MEXICANA

Eggs scrambled with fresh tomatoes, serranos, white onions, cilantro & avocado. Served with black beans & salsa verde | 16

• add chorizo +2

• add grilled Gulf shrimp +4

BRUNCH SIDES

FRESH BAKED CONCHAS

Three mini conchas, local fruit jam | 7

MINI HOT CAKES

Homemade corn pancakes, whipped goat cheese, pecans, maple syrup | 6

CHEF JAY’S BREAKFAST SAUSAGE PATTIES | 7

WOOD-GRILLED TACOS

TACOS ÁRABES

Grilled spiced pork collar, caramelized onions & cucumber, spicy chipotle salsa, creamy jocoque sauce, black beans, grilled flour tortillas | 27

CARNES AL CARBON PARA TACOS

Wood-grilled meat, poultry, or pork for making tacos. Tortillas of Mexican organic heirloom corn, grilled güero chiles, poblano rajas, beans, two salsas, guacamole | 27

▪ CREEKSTONE FLANK STEAK*
marinated in garlic & spices +5

▪ CHICKEN BREAST
marinated with fruit vinegar, spices and garlic

▪ PORK COLLAR
marinated with red chile adobo & caramelized pineapple

TRIO OF CARNES AL CARBON

Naturally raised Creekstone flank steak, chicken breast & pork collar. Roasted poblanos, beans, guacamole, grilled knob onions, grilled güero chiles. Heirloom Mexican corn tortillas | 69

WOOD-GRILLED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM FOR TACOS

Wood-grilled mushrooms marinated with spices, garlic & agave nectar. Tortillas of Mexican organic heirloom corn, poblano rajas, black beans, two salsas, guacamole | 24

BEANS | 8

▪ Traditional black with plantains
▪ Modern black with garlic & crispy onions
▪ Pintos with chorizo & bacon

FRIED SWEET PLANTAINS

Homemade crema & fresh cheese | 8

GULF-STYLE WHITE RICE | 8

Frontera Grill

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Rick & Deann Bayless, proprietors

Richard James, co-chef

Javauneeka Jacobs, co-chef

Jennifer Jones-Enyart, pastry chef

Julianna Arquilla, general manager & spirits director

Belen Ramirez & Marilu Cristobal managers

Jill Gubesch, wine director

DESSERTS

COCONUT “TRES LECHES” CAKE

Tender cake infused with four milks (*whole, evaporated, condensed, coconut*), papaya-lime sorbet, coconut pudding, torched meringue | 15

LIME CHESS PIE

Creamy fresh lime custard pie, homemade sour cream, crimson prickly pear, red dragon fruit | 15

BUTTERSCOTCH FLAN

Silky butterscotch flan (*dark brown sugar, butter, dark charanda rum*), Xoco chocolate biscotti | 13

BANANA LEAF SUNDAE

Chef Jen’s famous banana leaf ice cream in a yellow masa shell, sweet corn crema, whipped sour cream, crispy corn garnish | 15

FRONTERA’S CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE

Kahlúa whipped cream | 15

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

Mexican vanilla or Mexican chocolate ice cream with your choice of homemade cajeta (*goat milk caramel*) or bittersweet hot fudge | 10

SIDES

COLIFLOR, CREMA POBLANA

Nichols Farm roasted cauliflower, pobano crema, gooey cheese | 13

GRILLED KNOB ONIONS

Lime | 5

GRILLED GÜERO CHILES

Lime, coarse salt | 12

JUST-MADE TORTILLA CHIPS & SALSAS

Three chile & roasted tomatillo | 7