



# Celadon – A Perennial Favorite

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From the moment Chef Greg Cole and his wife, Beth Fairbairn, opened the doors of the original Celadon, and on through their move to the Historic Napa Mill building a few blocks south, the restaurant has been a perennial favorite of locals and visitors alike. With a casual but stylish decor, friendly service, historic setting and, oh yes, wonderful food from a wide-ranging menu, it is no surprise that it always receives high marks from patrons and the press, including Zagat and the Michelin Guide.

Chef Cole (who is not just a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park but also a veteran of the wine trade and owner/ chef at Cole's Chop House a few block north) calls his award-winning cuisine "Global Comfort Food" and that is a pretty accurate description.

"My dream for this restaurant has always been for it to be a neighborhood place that is an over-achiever," said Cole. "After 13 years we're still working to produce exceptional food."

The menu is divided into small plates,



green plates and big plates at both lunch and dinner. Possible choices include Maine crab cakes or macadamia nut crusted goat cheese with port poached figs (small plates); sweet coconut fried prawns with mango, cucumber

and greens or possibly endive and pear salad with blue cheese and candied walnuts (green plates); Moroccan-inspired braised lamb shank with golden raisin and almond cous-cous or (a personal favorite) the Heritage pork t-bone with sweet potato-leek gratin (large plates). You should also know that desserts are worth saving room for.

As might be expected, the wine list pairs exceptionally well with the food and a full bar offers both traditional cocktails as well as some very original concoctions. Dining at the bar is another popular option. If you prefer your meals al fresco, Celadon has a spacious courtyard that shows of the true historical aspects of the old mill. A perfect place to combine modern cuisine with Napa's fascinating past.

Celadon is open for lunch weekdays 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner daily from 5 to 9 p.m. During the week there is also an afternoon menu served between 2:30 and 5 p.m. They are located at the south end of Main Street in Napa at 500 Main St., behind the Napa River Inn. For reservations or more information call (707) 254-9690 or go to [www.celadonna.com](http://www.celadonna.com).