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Vicky's of Santa Fe delivering a great time, meal and drink

By Lucinda Sue Crosby for Desert Entertainer

Twenty-five years ago, Vicky and Guy Laliberte cast appraising eyes on Indian Wells and liked what they saw. Successful restaurateurs in Santa Fe, New Mexico, they envisioned recreating their Land of Enchantment experience in the Land of Eternal Sun and set about doing just that.



Vicky's of Santa Fe

They named their expansive and airy dining house Vicky's of Santa Fe and carefully crafted the ambience of its art filled courtyard, Saltillo tile floors, aged wood plank ceilings, American Native-themed copper lamps, and a grand piano lounge perfect for live music.

Current manager Marc Laliberte, whose charm and unbridled boyish energy belie his years of experience and success in his own right, is a credit to his aunt and uncle.

The upscale eatery's original menu was simple, featuring fresh, high quality ingredients, large portions and an almost rustic "cooked over an open fire" character. The options have expanded over the years to keep pace with preference trends but the philosophy of providing delicious straightforward cuisine prevails. Longtime customer favorites would have to include the herb rubbed New Zealand eight-bone rack of lamb, bestseller rotisserie whole or half chicken and the pan seared sea scallops over sautéed spinach with an assist from mango salsa. My personal favorite: the chicken pot pie - you may wish to give Chef Marcos a standing O (it wouldn't be the first he's received for this dish). Finish with a light-as-air crusted half apple pie or the decadently rich cappuccino ice cream.

Vicky's offers a full bar, an extensive wine list and a full range of appetizers in the Main Bar.

Vicky's of Santa Fe

Monday-Saturday: 4:30-11 pm, Sunday: 12:30-11 pm. Happy Hour 7 days, 4:30-6:30 pm

45-100 Club Dr. Indian Wells. (760) 345-9770 or www.vickysofsantafe.com

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