



BIRD & THE BOTTLE Backgrounder

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A modern tavern celebrating the American melting pot, James Beard Outstanding Restaurateur semifinalists Mark and Terri Stark's newest restaurant brings intriguing interpretations of street food to life.

"The Bird" provides guests with a wide range of options, many from the open kitchen's wood-fired grill. The menu includes a unique blend of Asian, American South, Jewish comfort food, and East Coast flavors served up on small and large plates intended to share with friends, and all with Chef Mark Stark's

singular style. The menu also includes craft beers on tap, local wines, and signature cocktails by the glass, or by the shaker to share.

The restaurant offers three cozy dining rooms in winter, two outdoor patios in warmer weather, and is open 7 days a week. Bird & The Bottle is located on 4th Street in Midtown Santa Rosa—noted for its diverse food scene. It's the perfect place to meet friends and have a taste of what Sonoma County has to offer. There's a broad menu selection for lunch, dinner, weekend brunch, and happy hour (Monday through Thursday).

Bird & The Bottle feels "homey" because the building was just that at one time. Well-known Petaluma architect Brainerd Jones built the structure as a home and office for a prominent local dentist between 1902 and 1908. Most recently, it was home to The Italian Affair restaurant. Lovers of historic buildings, Mark and Terri spent 3 years and over \$1.3 million to bring the building back to its former glory. To further enhance the homelike atmosphere, Terri commissioned a local photographer to take portraits of many of the Starks' employees from all of their restaurants to line the staircase and upstairs dining room walls.

The expression "hot bird and a cold bottle" is believed to have originated in Pre-WWI Britain with a somewhat scandalous connotation. These days, going out for a bird and bottle has come to mean heading out for a casual meal.

Bird & The Bottle is Mark and Terri's latest restaurant and rounds out the Stark's six accolade-winning restaurants in Sonoma County; the Starks also own Stark's Steak & Seafood, Willi's Wine Bar (post-fire re-opening in spring 2019), and Monti's in Santa Rosa, and Willi's Seafood & Raw Bar and Bravas Bar de Tapas in Healdsburg. The couple will open their seventh restaurant, Grossman's New York Style Deli & Restaurant in Santa Rosa's Historic Railroad Square in summer 2019.

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