

Best dishes from Absinthe, Petit Crenn, Original Joe's and more

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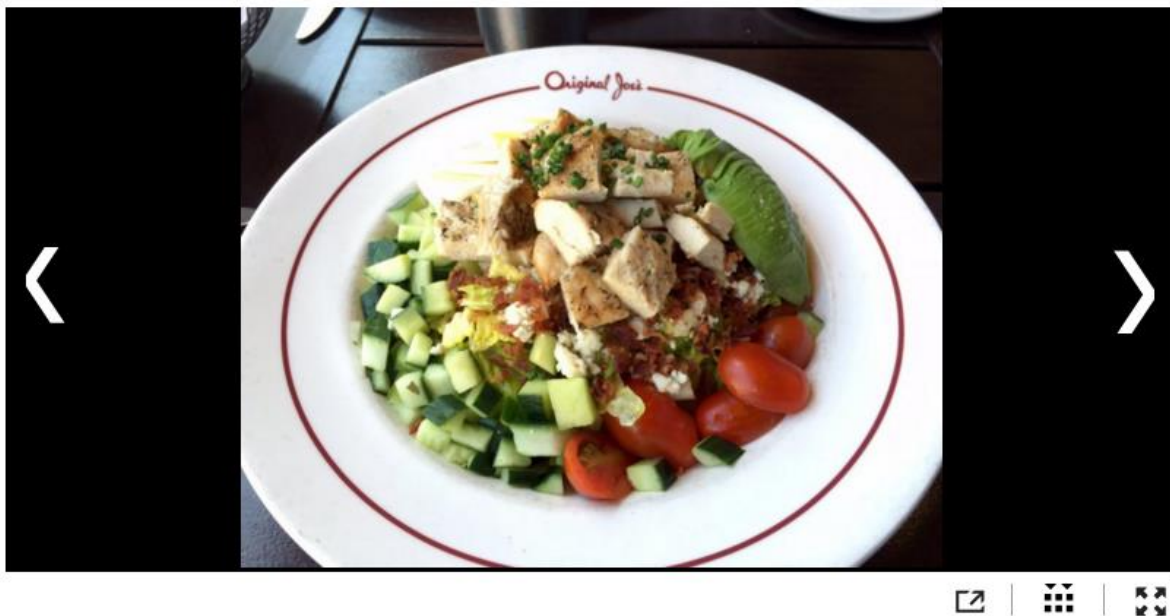


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Original Joe's: Cobb salad with chicken, avocado, tomato, bacon, blue cheese and a vinaigrette dressing (\$17.95).

Visiting a mix of old and new places filled my week. I made my first visit to the **Advocate** in Berkeley, a sister restaurant to Comal, also in Berkeley. It was one of those places I could've mentioned many dishes as a favorite (but in the end chose the flatbread, with its perfectly crisp crust, spinach, feta and squash blossoms). I could've said the same about **Petit Crenn**, which is Dominique Crenn's follow up to her Atelier Crenn. This is a much more casual venue in the space that was once the home of Bar Jules on Hayes Street. Here she does a single fixed price menu a night for \$72.

I paid a final visit to **Old Bus Tavern** in Bernal Heights, had lunch at **Original Joe's**, **Absinthe**, and on Friday night I went to the Billy Joel concert and took a rare night off, having dinner at **Marlowe** so we could walk to At&T Park.