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Kitchen Door in Napa will relaunch its craft beer dinners on April 26.
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Kitchen Door restarts craft beer dinners

Kitchen Door restaurant in Napa will re-launch its popular beer dinners in a three-part seasonal series, pairing local cuisine with regional craft brews.

Kitchen Door offers beers and ciders in addition to local and international wines, spirits and cocktails. With this dinner series, the restaurant hopes to highlight beer's ability to go with a wide selection of comfort and gourmet foods.

"There's such a diversity of flavors in beer," said chef-owner Todd Humphries. "These beer dinners give us the opportunity to go beyond our everyday menu and get creative as chefs to find inspired dishes to compliment the various beers we feature."

Kitchen Door moved from its decade-long post at the Oxbow Public Market to Napa's dynamic First Street Napa development earlier this year, offering a full bar for the first time. Signature dishes include Korean-style ribs, with bacon and mushroom fried rice as well as Akaushi New York strip steak and fries, a selection of flatbreads and chicken wings.

The first beer dinner takes place on April 26 and features Henhouse Brewing, which has tap houses in Santa Rosa, Petaluma and Fairfax. Henhouse's beers include the Gorilla Coop Hazy Pale Ale, Live and Let Polyhedron Double IPA and Big Chicken Double IPA. The brewery's latest release is called Science Reasons IPA; Henhouse also makes a sought-after Traditional Saison.

On July 19, Tannery Bend Beerworks of Napa will bring its lineup of Saisons and IPAs to Kitchen Door. Tannery Bend Beerworks opened in Napa in 2017 and makes small-batch beers inspired by local ingredients, born from a collaboration between brewing and culinary minds. It has its own food program.

In addition to the summer beer dinner will feature a unique creation from Kitchen Door bartender and professional brewer, Michael Paine who has been working closely with the team at Tannery Bend Beerworks to create a one-of-a-kind brew that will be unveiled for the first time at the dinner.

The spring and summer beer dinners will offer five courses with five beers and cost \$85 per person. To purchase tickets, email **heather@kitchendoornapa.com** or call 707-226-1560.

To round out the craft beer celebrations, Kitchen Door will host a fall Oktoberfest celebration on Sept. 30.