

GUIDEBOOK

FIRST LOOK

Hapa's Brewery

By Stacy Briscoe

A block from San Jose's Race Street light-rail station is the new Arts Mercantile, home to boutique, artisanal and socially conscious businesses that, until now, seemed to be scarce in the tech-savvy town. Check out the used bikes at the Good Karma bike co-op, take a woodworking class at Terra Amico, and then grab a beer at the valley's newest craft brewery, Hapa's.

Earlier this year, lifelong friends Brian Edwards and Derek Tam opened their taproom in the warehouse on an industrial side of San Jose's Lincoln Avenue.

The current selection is small, with five beers on tap, including Barbie's Blonde Ale, a light and crisp beer with subtle notes of honey and almonds; Little Angel Porter, a full-bodied porter offering intense coffee and cacao aromas; and the Hungry Dog IPA, a hops-forward brew with intense citrus overtones (perfect for summer). Stay tuned for Hapa's "Top Secret Beer" — an experimental brew that neither Edwards nor Tam will disclose until its official release at the end of May.

The wraparound patio is both pet- and family-friendly (check out the board game shelf). While they don't sell food on site, local food trucks park outside Hapa's every Friday through Sunday night. View the website's calendar to see what's being served.



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Hapa's Brewery in San Jose offers a small selection of craft beers on tap, and has a patio that's pet- and family-friendly.

460 Lincoln Ave., Suite 90, San Jose; (408) 982-3299. www.hapasbrewing.com. Open 4-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday,

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

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ENTERTAINMENT

PAIR WINE AND MUSIC

A stop on the Santa Clara Valley Wine Trail, Clos LaChance has also become a lively center for free live music. The Groovin' in the Grove concert series, which features acoustic artists May through October, takes place in the bucolic winery's mulberry grove from 1 to 4 p.m. most Sundays (check online schedule for details). Free Spirit, a duo of Mike Tatarakis and Rey Trevino, also performed today, as well as July 9.

The Time for Wine concert series, which takes place at 6 p.m. Thursdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day, showcases rock, country, blues and dance bands. It kicks off with JJ Hawg, a rock cover band from Morgan Hill, on June 1 and wraps up with dance band Superbad on Aug. 31.

Like the winery and tasting room, admission is restricted to ages 21 and older. Guests may bring their own food and factory-sealed water bottles; Clos LaChance also sells food and beverages at events. The tasting room, open 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. most days, sells a small selection of cheese, meat and other snacks as well wines by the bottle or glass.

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Clos LaChance

SUITE SPOT

ENCHANTE BOUTIQUE HOTEL, LOS ALTOS

When condo developer and Francophile Abigail Ahrens decided to create a boutique hotel in downtown Los Altos, she opted for a style more romantic than Silicon Valley chic. She furnished the mini-chateau's 19 rooms with vintage French prints, chandeliers, elegant fabrics and objets d'art. The resulting look radiates charm, not clutter, with service designed to restore joie de vivre.

The setting: At the corner of San Antonio Road and Main Street, within walking distance of boutiques and restaurants, though restfully quiet at night.

The appeal: Parisian pied-a-terre in sunny mid-Peninsula. Most of the 19 rooms, each with its own theme (Marie Antoinette, Marie Curie, cycling, dogs, etc.) have gas fireplaces, and larger rooms include pedestal tubs as well as showers. Amenities include Wi-Fi and HDTV. Complimentary, cooked-to-order breakfast is served in Campagne One Main, the hotel's intimate, indoor-outdoor bistro, dotted with Napoleonic antiques (and after breakfast, open to the public.) In the afternoon, head to the cozy library for complimentary wine, cheese and charcuterie.



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Good to know: Rates, which exclude 11 percent in local taxes, are typically lowest on Sunday nights and highest Monday-Thursday. Ask for a pass to park all day in a nearby city lot; street parking is free, but with time restrictions Monday-Saturday. Beds tend to be firm, and are a bit shorter in rooms with two full beds; book a queen or king room if you're tall, and request the fluffier mattress pad if you prefer more cushioning. The hotel is dog-friendly, charging a one-time \$30 pet fee, but specific rooms are reserved for canines, with size and breed restrictions; call in advance.

Details: 1 Main St., Los Altos; (650) 946-2000. www.enchantehotel.com. From \$225 weekends, \$300 weekdays.

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