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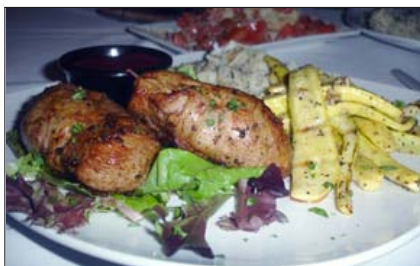


## Split Peas Soup Café an international delight

By Terese Mailhot

The Split Peas Soup Café located on 7500 N. Mesa opened two months ago to rave reviews.

The menu consists of soups, salads, wraps, sandwiches, dinner entrées and desserts.



Seared duck with blackberry sauce.

The menu's theme is international with a focus on Italian and a flare of French, from the lobster bisque to seared duck with blackberry sauce.

This restaurant is not to be missed and should be acclaimed as one of the most intriguing menus in the city. The open kitchen and the modern art, displayed prominently on olive green walls, serve as an excellent backdrop to the sophisticated sustenance.

I started with the complimentary snow peas served with a house ranch and my choice of appetizer which was the bruschetta.

The bruschetta was a delight with mounds of parmesan atop a mountain of the freshest tomatoes. The starter could almost constitute a complete meal.

The seared duck breast with blackberry sauce was exquisite and decently priced, considering the sheer amount of quality food on the plate.

The duck was perfectly cooked with the blackberry vinaigrette, giving tart complexities to the smooth heartiness of the breast.



White Chocolate Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake.

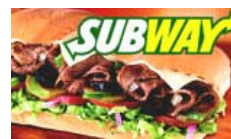
For the finale, the white-chocolate raspberry cheesecake was perfection. The wait staff was astute in its preparation and quick delivery.

All in all, this café was a great delight and an experience for the sophisticate's palette.

"The menu is ambitious and it's a challenge to maintain the line but business has been great since we've opened," said Cruz Talamantes, owner and manager of the Split Peas Soup Café. "I love the location, and the people on my staff are great."

Indeed the place itself is great, and upon walking in, it is easy to see that this place has something the competitors don't.

The Split Peas Soup Café delivers originality and a fresh quality that meets the demands of the younger generation of El Pasoans who want great international food.



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