

| All About Agave: 9 New Favorite Mexican Restaurants in San Diego

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The Los Muertos cocktail at Death by Tequila (Photo: Cole Ferguson)

The city's latest crop of restaurants marry tequila, mezcal and more with refined Mexican fare. Here are nine of our new favorite Mexican restaurants in San Diego.

It's no news flash that San Diego is a hub for fine Mexican dining, tequila and taco shops. Yet, over the last two years, a movement has been growing of chefs and bartenders looking to take things up a notch, not simply with cuisine, but also with what to wash it all down with ... and agave spirits have become the stars. This means chef-driven fare that is familiar, yet refined and progressive; and cocktails that celebrate and epitomize the very best of Baja and other regions beyond our border to the south. Here are nine of our new favorites.

Death By Tequila

Death by tequila? Let's hope not. Taking a break from our cares courtesy of tequila? Yes. The contemporary restaurant and bar in Encinitas serves healthy, coastal Baja cuisine crafted by Executive Chef Angelo Sosa (a Top Chef alum). Menu standouts include the woodfired salsa, organic street tacos, albacore aguachile and a veggie entree that changes daily. The bar menu boasts 80-plus tequilas, 30 mezcals, and wines and beers from Valle de Guadalupe. We'll drink to that. 569 S. Coast Hwy. 101, Encinitas, 760.782.2240.

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