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SURVEYED!

# Insider Dining

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*Where do our  
favorite O.C. chefs  
go on date night?*

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*What's the dive bar of  
choice for the county's  
star bartenders?*

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*Where do the hot  
chefs hang out  
after hours?*

**OUR SURVEY OF LOCAL HOSPITALITY  
PROS REVEALS WHERE THEY SPEND  
THEIR OWN TIME AND MONEY**

## **MICHAEL ROSSI**

EXECUTIVE CHEF, THE RANCH,  
ANAHEIM

### **TAKE OUT-OF-TOWNERS**

**Napa Rose**, for the open kitchen, friendly staff, and the evolving seasonal menu—plus I get to show folks Disneyland!

### **DATE NIGHT**

**What's Up Men**, Fullerton. My wife, Dolly, and I love going to this Japanese noodle house.

### **I ADMIRE**

**The Golden Truffle**, Costa Mesa. Chef-owner Alan Greeley has been doing his thing for 30 years.

### **UNDERRATED**

**Plums Café**, Costa Mesa, for their creative take on Northwest breakfast cuisine, and the fact they maintain a local beach following.

### **WITH KIDS UNDER 12**

**Break of Dawn**, Laguna Hills. My kids love the chocolate-chip pancakes, and chef Dee Nguyen is so good to my boys.

