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An Insider's Address Book

RESTAURANTS

If buzz is what it's about, **Mistral** has it. Since it opened four years ago, Jamie Mammano, the chef, has gathered the town's power trippers in his spacious dining room with bar for Provençal-influenced fare. The din limits conversation, but who wants to be distracted from tender Maine crab ravioli in thyme-tomato broth; thin-crust ed fig, prosciutto and Gorgonzola pizza; and rack of lamb with golden potatoes in a rich reduction? 223 Columbus Avenue (617-867-9300). Dinner only. \$55 a person.



Maine crab-filled ravioli are on the Provençal-inspired menu at Mistral.