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VALLEY GIRL

I'M LIKE, SO SURE!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005

Olé!

OMG people, serious, serious rave reviews coming. My dad and I did the ol' "Let's Drive Down Ventura Blvd. on a Saturday Night And Just Spontaneously Pick A Place" routine. Did we want Italian? Did we want Seafood? Did we want something ethnic and exotic? We just didn't know, so we flew by the seat of our pants, poo-pooing the French places, eschewing the franchise-type eateries. As you know, this approach to eating out could be met with disastrous results, but Dad and I got super lucky. We happened upon **Olé!** From the outside, it looked warm and inviting, and I saw that it was a tapas place, which is always fun, so we pulled in and gave it a shot.

We sat on the patio under their patio heater thingies and were greeted by a totally sweet server who took great care of us the whole evening. Though I love doing the thing of ordering several tapas and sharing, we were so starving that we opted to get one tapa, then share two entrees. I should mention here that, like any Spanish place worth its

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salt, they have sangria options, but the cocktail choices caught my eye and I settled on a Midnight Kiss. Our server recommended the Filet a la Plancha to start (grilled rosemary flatiron steak w/ anchovy butter). Who would think that starting off a meal with steak would be so inviting, but it set the tone for the rest of the meal, it was just so delicious and savory (no, you don't taste the anchovy fishy thing). I got the salmon and Dad got the Fideos Vascos (angel hair pasta, shrimp and chicken in beer reduction sauce). We shared each and man, they were awesome.

It's too early for lunch, and I'm getting hungry already just thinking about that place. So yeah, total thumbs-up. Oh, and since we got there early, there wasn't much of a crowd, but by the time we left, the place was jumpin'. Reservations recommended.

Olé!

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

The Goose Whisperer

One thing I love about living in the valley at this time of year: Geese. You will hear this distant sort of funny little honking sound, like one goose told a joke and they all kind of share a chuckle. Then you'll see them, gracefully

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