Denver Dining

Best Bites
Bistro Vendôme’s
English Pea Crème Fraîche Salad

EXECUTIVE CHEF JENNIFER JASINSKI admires the perfection of a garden pea. It speaks of summer, she says while ticking off the ways in which mint, tarragon, and crème fraîche complement the legume's natural sweetness. At her newly acquired restaurant, Bistro Vendôme (which means that along with Rioja, Jasinski now co-owns two of Larimer Square’s best restaurants), Jasinski’s simple recipe makes it possible to savor summer’s harvest in a single forkful—this alongside warm chèvre-stuffed tomatoes and tender lamb Shank dusted with jet. The salad is so good on its own, however, that diners can order just that—one glass of crisp Sauvignon.

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