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After a first few months of monumental effort, a new restaurant often settles into a phase during which the kitchen's creativity stagnates. Not Bocado. Executive chef Todd Ginsberg first galvanized Westside crowds at lunch with his witty, caloric sandwiches—roasted poblano and pimiento cheese with bacon and fried green tomato was an early favorite. At a recent dinner, half the customers had ordered the double burger layered with homemade pickles and American cheese. It's understandable: Among the deluge of swaggering burger entrants over the last year, this two-fister beats them all. But don't bypass Ginsberg's revolving list of dinnertime small plates, which started off as respectable and seasonal but has grown into a showcase of imagination and technique. A salad of local peaches and blueberries, for example, sings of summer with its verdant slick of pistachio and arugula pesto, but slivers of duck prosciutto alongside add a likable, feral tang. And here's hoping that, among the smaller number of entrees, the pan-roasted chicken with grits, collards, and white wine-Tabasco sauce becomes a menu staple. Combined with Bocado's open, minimalist space and competent service staff, Ginsberg's cooking has quickly elevated this neighborhood rookie into a destination restaurant priced for the times.

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