

Union League Cafe



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Dedicated with gratitude to

Our Patrons & Staff

The lifespan of a restaurant is entirely decided by its home community, and we are forever honored that you have embraced us for 25 years. The lifeblood of a restaurant depends on the loyalty and skill of its team, and we are beyond fortunate to have the best team in the business. We look forward to a beautiful future in New Haven. Cheers to 25 years! Cheers to the Future!

Opened in October 1993 by

Jean Pierre Vuillermet

As a third-generation chef from Aix Les Bains, located at the foot of the French Alps, Chef JP worked with world-renowned chefs before opening Union League Cafe in 1993. In 2010, Chef JP opened Bar Bouchee in Madison, CT. He hopes that Union League Cafe is, and always will be, a restaurant that provides the best food and service and reflects the joy and passion he has for cooking. Jean Pierre joins the top French chefs in the world as a “Maitres Cuisiniers de France.”





“The best dish we experienced, confit de canard, had elements that reminded us of Robert Henry’s. This tantalizing appetizer was molded into a small round cake, with the duck pieces tucked beneath a cloche of thin crisp-browned potato slices, resting atop a chopped apple-walnut salad. The texture and flavor contrasts were so good they made one want to savor them indefinitely.”

Reviewed on Jan. 9, 1994 by the New York Times

“Desserts, often the pinnacle of a French meal, lived up to their promise. Leading the short list was plaisir au chocolat, a sensuously semi-bitter chocolate cake with vanilla mousse, embraced by a warm, rich chocolate sauce. Tarte Tatin (the caramelized apple tart enhanced by Calvados and walnut nougatine cream), creme brulee (with a vanilla kick), and gateau au chocolat (made with French chocolate fudge), all were spirit-lifting.”

Reviewed on Jun. 6, 1999 by the New York Times





“I have lived in and around New Haven for 25 years and have seen the restaurant in the Sherman building -- a venerable monument in the center of town, across from Yale’s old campus -- in many of its guises. None has looked more alluring, felt more comfortable, or served as stylish, appealing food as Union League, the current occupant, which is worth a trip from anywhere in the state.”

Reviewed on Dec. 29, 2002 by the New York Times

“Union League Cafe has won a total of 114 Best Restaurants awards over the years. 95 have come from the Readers’ Choice survey. 19 are Experts’ Picks. Union League currently has the fourth-highest total number of awards in the combined history of the two restaurant awards, and the fifth-highest among just the Readers’ Choice.”

— *Connecticut Magazine*





“The menu changes with the seasons and always has an impressive selection of foods and drinks for each course. The soups are creative and flavourful ... They always have at least one or two vegetarian entrees, which are always delicious ... Whether you are in the mood for chocolatey, fruity, or custardy, they have tons of dessert options for you to choose from. Dining at Union League Cafe is a special and enjoyable experience from start to finish. It is a great place for special occasions. It is most likely the best and most reliable restaurant in New Haven.” - Russ L.

Reviewed on Jun. 12, 2018 on Yelp

"One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."



Virginia Woolf

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