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## OLD SOUTHWEST DESSERTS MADE ANEW AT KACHINA SOUTHWESTERN GRILL {DENVER}

**W**alking through the doors from the [Westin Westminster Hotel](http://www.westin-denver-boulder.com/) lobby into Kachina Southwestern Grill is like culture shock [in a good way of course]. I did a double take wondering if I had actually crossed a border, and checked my pockets for my passport. {Those of you geography buffs, just leave your comments to yourself. I know I wouldn't need a passport to cross over the New Mexico border.} Kachina emits a feeling of walking down the streets of Santa Fe, the vibe created is fun and cultural. Sit down at any wooden table and be taken to another world by Pastry Chef David Knight – a well traveled, and expertly trained pastry chef, obviously in his element here at Kachina. Chef created a menu that is beyond unique and over the top tasty.

Pastry Chef Dave has lived everywhere, and managed to bring those feelings and flavors to this southwestern menu. Coconut Flan, Pineapple Tamale and well ...the list goes on.





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I dug my fork into the Coconut Flan, Pineapple Tamale, and Chocolate Cola Cake. Though all quite delicious, you can always tell my absolute favorite by the amount left over and the lick marks on the plate. This time it was the Chocolate Cola Cake. In fact, I was a little embarrassed when I oinked in front of Chef. Like, really oinked. Loudly, like a giant swine. And then when I came up for air, I had chocolate covering my face like a toddler who decided to dive into their cake face first, shouting "Look MA! NO HANDS!" Ya, that was me.



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A chocolate cake, dense in nature, but so delicate in chocolate flavor. I know I've said this before, but I don't typically seek out the chocolate cake at restaurants. It can be over the top too chocolatey, so when I recommend a chocolate cake I really mean it. Chocolate cake with a hint cinnamon and balanced by a buttery caramel sauce with crunchy Pepitas (pumpkin seeds), and honey-lavender caviar. Can you see why I went in face first?

*Like what you see? Show them some sugar...*

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