

Wolfgang Puck and Barbara Lazaroff

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“A RESTAURANT IS AN INTIMATE PART
OF PEOPLE’S LIVES. HERE, THEY
CELEBRATE MANY IMPORTANT MOMENTS.
IT’S PART OF THEIR EMOTIONAL
HISTORY. AND OURS, TOO.”

Wolfgang Puck and architectural interior designer Barbara Lazaroff—married since 1983—have created an amazing restaurant empire. Critics and patrons have placed them on the top of the list—from Spago, California’s first open-kitchen pizza restaurant; to the Asian-influenced Chinois on Main in Santa Monica; to Eureka, an authentic brewery and charcuterie in West Los Angeles; to the dreamy, oceanic experience of their latest restaurant, Granita, in Malibu.

While Barbara designs and builds the restaurants, Wolfgang challenges himself with creating a new and unexpected menu. “We work with the same general concept, but our jobs are very different,” said Barbara. “Wolfgang can change and revise the menu along the way, even after the restaurant opens. My in-

terior has to maintain a contemporary look for at least ten years. I’m at the job site every day when we’re building, so every detail is exactly as I want it. At Granita, I laid all the colored sea stones and shells into the bar top. I work right alongside the craftsmen and artisans. I’m as comfortable at my construction site as Wolf is in his kitchen.”

After fourteen years of working together to create four of California’s finest restaurants, not to mention single-handedly inventing “California Cuisine,” the Puck-Lazaroff team isn’t slowing down.

What’s next? Barbara wistfully said, “One of these days, we hope to find the time to redesign our own kitchen at home.” Wolfgang agreed with a nod as he ran back to the kitchen.

THE RECIPES



Spago

**BLACK FOREST HAM AND
GOAT CHEESE PIZZA**

SPICY CHICKEN PIZZA

SHRIMP AND SUN-DRIED TOMATO PIZZA

**WHOLE WHEAT PIZZA WITH
CHANTERELLES AND EGGPLANT**

Eureka

TORTILLA LASAGNA

CHILI GRILLED CHICKEN

YELLOW TOMATO MOLE SAUCE

Chinois on Main

SIZZLING SCALLOPS

Granita

APPLE FENNEL TART

OPPOSITE: *Barbara and Wolfgang at their West Los Angeles restaurant, Eureka.*