

# WATERMARK

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**Sous Chef:** Justin Rhodes

**Pastry Chef:** Rachel De Moss

**Consulting Chefs:** Malachi Harland & Daniel Mueller  
Synergy Restaurant Concepts Inc.

**General Manager:** Shanon Rice

**Opening Date:** August 12, 2008

**Location:** Housed in a 1920's bank building at the corner of Main and Chestnut Street in Downtown Ventura's vibrant historic district.

**Cuisine:** Contemporary Regional American cuisine, featuring a balance of fish, steaks and other meat dishes, with a focus on locally sourced, fresh ingredients.

- Signature Dishes:** Appetizers: Rock Crab Bisque; Broiled Prawns with Toasted Garlic and Chili; and Chilled Seafood Trio
- Entrees: Watermark Chili Relleno stuffed with Santa Barbara Prawns; Linguini with Clams and Chorizo; Roasted California Sea Bass; New Zealand Rack of Lamb with Rosemary au Jus and an 18 oz Bone In Ribeye Steak.
- Price Range:** Appetizers: From \$6 to the Soup of the Day to \$38 to a large Seafood Plate.
- Entrees: From \$19 for the Watermark Chili Relleno to \$45 for Watermark's Cioppino.
- Wine List:** An extensive wine list with a focus on California vintages, that also features global selections and an exclusive reserve list.
- Corkage:** \$20.
- Signature Cocktails:** **Watermark Martini** – Smooth Kettle One Vodka, dirty and hot with house made jalapeno stuffed olive; **Elder Flower Margarita** – An elegant bouquet of Patron Silver Tequila, Citronage and St. Germain Elder Flower Liqueur; **Green Tea Iced Tea** – Zen Green Tea Liqueur mixed with Absolut Citron and iced tea
- Ambiance:** **Watermark** has two distinct personalities. The dining rooms downstairs and on the mezzanine level reflect sophisticated old world sensibilities. **W20**, the glass enclosed rooftop lounge and bar area, defines urban modernity with its combination of intimate seating areas, a long bar, water features, ocean and mountain views and a retractable ceiling.
- Private Dining:** **Watermark** has two private dining rooms. On the mezzanine level is a private room that seats 16; **W20** has a room that also seats 16 and features a pop down flat screen, a state-of-the-art sound system and a cigar patio with ocean views.

**History:** **Watermark** Restaurant is housed in one of the most architecturally significant buildings in Ventura. Originally built in 1906 to house the Ventura Power Company, in 1928 the building was extensively remodeled into the elegant brick building it is today.

Combining Spanish Colonial Revival design with influences of Zig-Zag Art Deco, the stunning edifice artfully pairs terra cotta brick with Malibu style ceramic tile. Inside, the hand-stenciled ceilings and wood paneling are reminiscent of Hearst Castle. The murals, painted by renowned artist Norman Kennedy, depict early life at Ventura's Mission. The architectural team responsible for the 1920's transformation was John C. Austin and Frederic M. Ashley, whose other work includes the Griffith Observatory, the Shrine Auditorium and the Los Angeles City Hall.

**Interior Décor:** Overall, the design of **Watermark** reflects its historical perspective – the color scheme is warm, golden and inviting with rust and green walls and golden marble floors with copper inlays. Iron and mica chandeliers, amber glass sconces and an under-lit gold onyx bar illuminate the room. Booths are upholstered in rich brocade with cognac leather seats, and burgundy velveteen draperies soften the nine-foot high windows. On the ground floor, booth and table seating is available beneath oversized windows and the beautifully preserved 1928 murals. On the right side of the room, a mahogany bar wraps around into a separate bar area – the mezzanine features additional seating, its original wrought iron railings and a fireplace.

**Architects:** 2008 – Marc Whitman  
1920's – John C. Austin and Frederic M. Ashley, whose other work includes the Griffith Observatory, the Shrine Auditorium and the Los Angeles City Hall.

**Design Consultant:** Tower designs, Ojai  
Principal, Kathleen M. Coady

**General Contractor:** Peter Livingston – Livingston Construction

**Logo:** A wax impression was taken from a ‘shield’ on the original ceiling and the **Watermark** ‘W’ added. Cast in bronze this logo became part of the new exterior signage, as well as a shield on the hostess stand.

**Occupancy:** 81 in **Watermark’s** main dining room and mezzanine combined; 75 in **W20**.

**Hours:** Dinner is served in **Watermark** Sunday & Tuesday – Thursday from 5pm to 10pm and Friday & Saturday from 5pm to 11pm. **W20** is opened from 5pm to midnight on Sunday & Tuesday – Thursday and 5pm to 1 am on Friday and Saturday serving a ‘small plate’ menu. The restaurant is closed on Mondays.

**Parking:** Valet and ample street is available.

**Wheelchair Access:** Yes. An elevator services the second and third floors.

**Reservations:** Reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling 805 643 6800 or by visiting [www.watermarkonmain.com](http://www.watermarkonmain.com).

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