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VINYL ON THE SIDE: THREE OC EATERIES SPINNING TUNES



Saline: inspired by the Mediterranean. Photo by Anne Marie Panoringan.

The comeback of vinyl isn't new, but realizing your ambiance is courtesy of a record player is— at least around here [Editor's Note: We'd like to take a moment to mourn the loss of *Second Spin*. Okay, moving on.]. If you're craving a little nostalgia and the occasional skipping, here are a trio of places to get your groove on. Go for the tunes, but stay for the sustenance.

Boutique Eats: Saline

Chef Leo Bongarra's coastal Mediterranean fare at Hotel Joaquin is a welcome culinary point-of-view at this petite seaside getaway. Dinner has Broccolini with serrano pepper, aji amarillo, hemp seeds and garlic tahini, or perhaps a chef's whim of scallops in pomegranate juice, for starters. Not only are records prevalent in the restaurant, they're in each guest accommodation! The master collection includes an eclectic mix of Stevie Wonder, Coldplay, The Rolling Stones and others found in the living room. As of this writing, only guests of Hotel Joaquin are allowed to dine on-site. Bonus: A nourishing breakfast is already included in the room rate. Time to plan your next staycation. *985 N. Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach, (949) 494-5294;*

www.hoteljoaquin.com/saline.

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