

Eating & Drinking
SCENE

The Cascade Room
By Rebecca Philps

Crown Colony

THE LARGE SIGN at the entrance of the Cascade Room on Main Street reads

“Keep Calm and Carry On”—a message taken from a Second World War poster meant to keep the British calm in the event of a German invasion. Cascade, brought to you by the Habit team next door, is a modern twist on an English pub, seen in design details like Queen Victoria’s portrait stamped on overhanging lamp shades. Nick Devine, this magazine’s Bartender of the Year in 2007, holds court behind an eight-metre-long bar that connects the high-top tables in the front to the more private dining area in back. You and four friends can snag a seat in one of the raised, half-moon-shaped booths that line the wall opposite the bar, and slowly make your way through Devine’s lengthy list of classic, premium cocktails, **vm**

2616 Main St., 604-709-8650

Thecascade.ca

Open nightly, 5 p.m. to midnight



► **Peruse**
the always changing wine and draught beer list; cocktails aren’t the only stars of this show

► **Sip**
the Cascade Room Cocktail—two ounces of bourbon shaken with fresh pressed apple and lime juices, vanilla bean, bitters, and egg whites, served with a shaving of roasted hazelnut (\$9)

► **Look for**
stylish Main Streeters, savvy baby boomers, casting agents

► **Nibble**
crispy polenta French fries dipped in curry mayo (\$5)

► **Grab**
a seat before 6 p.m., or you’ll be waiting in line

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