The Vendue hotel pulls the curtain on its new restaurant, The Drawing Room

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The newly renovated The Vendue is outfitted with a new coffee shop and an elevator that leads directly from the lobby to the popular Rooftop Bar, but from a dining perspective, the project's showpiece is The Drawing Room, an upscale restaurant helmed by chef Jon Cropf.

Reborn as a boutique hotel, the former Vendue Inn opened this month with updated guest rooms and gallery space. The Drawing Room is supposed to echo the property's artistic slant: Its small plates are colorful assemblages of fresh fruits, vegetables and flower petals. The daily soup is titled the "Chef's Palette," one of the very few instances in which that word is used correctly in the culinary world. (Beware of any restaurant that tries to appeal to your palette or pallet.)



Drawing Room at The Vendue Now Open Other than the painterly soup, the current dinner menu includes braised rabbit crepes; crispy snapper with rye smoked corn and head cheese croutons; roasted duck; and a cheeseburger with spring onion jam. Entree prices range from \$24-\$29, not counting the burger.

Located at 19 Vendue Range, The Drawing Room is open weekdays from 7-10 a.m. for breakfast and 4-11 p.m. for dinner. It stays open an hour later for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and an hour later for dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information, visit thevendue.com/restaurants/the-drawing-room/ or call 577-7970