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## The Best New Restaurants

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By Charles P. Pierce

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Chef and owner Christophe Emé and his in-

amorata, actress Jeri Ryan, have fashioned a glamorous restaurant of creamy-colored leather banquettes and enough crystal chandeliers for a production of *Beauty and the Beast*, and the semidark, very seductive bar to the rear hosts a stream of Hollywood's more discreet celebrities.

Emé, last at L'Orangerie, cooks with intense precision but is not above having fun, as with an amuse-bouche of three test tubes of tarragon-scented lobster oil, balsamic vinegar, and parsley oil sipped through a straw. He renders all the goodness of the Mediterranean out of roast dorade with ricotta gnocchi, fennel, orange sauce, and a beef jus, while his seared rare filet mignon with a huge marrow bone, oxtail ravioli, pommes soufflé, and wild mushrooms would be a fit meal for a country wedding right out of Flaubert.

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