

TO OUR GROVE – CHESTNUT GUESTS:

Thank You for

your incredibly loyal patronage from the 1990's through 2013:

Our last day at this location was Tuesday, June 11th, 2013.

Please join us at our other locations:



The Grove - Fillmore

2016 Fillmore Street
(between California
and Pine, just up the
hill from here)



The Grove - Hayes

301 Hayes Street
(at Franklin)



The Grove - Yerba Buena

690 Mission Street
(between New Montgomery
and Third)

We have moved all of our great Chestnut crew that wanted to stay with us to those locations, so those same smiling faces are waiting to recognize you and take care of you.

The end of a chapter:

The rent being asked for our new lease and the work we feel is needed on the building would be impossible for us to pay and remain viable as The Grove. So this chapter will close.

We had hoped to stay open until the third week of June. However, we had a very delicate (close to impossible) balancing act: We guaranteed our Chestnut team jobs at our

other restaurants, putting in hiring freezes at those locations. We ended up needing some of them sooner rather than later. So we closed early rather than chance not meeting our own or your standards, at this or our other Grove restaurants.

We are sad it's over because of the HUMAN factor: the intersection of The Grove, our staff, our guests, the Marina neighborhood, and the beginnings of all that came after.

THANKS FOR OUR JOURNEY and

BEGINNING SOMETHING GOOD TOGETHER:

Because of your incredible support every step of the way, we were able to gain confidence and evolve and accomplish things we are very proud of and you should be too:

We have endeavored not just to be the best at what we do, but also to be the ONLY ones that do what we do.

The DESIGN that is so utterly unique and personal and layered and meaningful to people. That's Anna Veyna Zankel. As Bruce Springsteen said of Clarence Clemons: "You want to be like him ... but you can't." Too many details to list. It is what happens when serious formal training, time spent traveling all over the world, creative freedom, a great eye, and unbridled passion collide. People are drawn in and don't want to leave – enough said.

The delicious FOOD really quickly. American comfort food with a gourmet signature twist. Every meat roasted in-house, every sauce made from scratch, fresh ripe oranges squeezed directly into the glass, every single thing done old-school, the hard/time-consuming, high-skill way. An expert craft beer program, wonderful wines, lavender lemonade, Soju Mary's, excellent espresso drinks. Anyone can find multiple things to fall in love with on The Grove menu.

The friendly STAFF that is so old-school sweet and polite it barely exists today.

The MUSIC. At any given time, 7500 songs hand picked by Ken, often rare, it's a highly curated list, from a vast personal library, 31 separate playlists programmed for each day opening to close.

An experience like this, at moderate prices, in a place with chalkboards - you just don't see it too often. WHAT PLACE IS "LIKE THE GROVE"?"

The Grove has become a bit of an institution, particularly Chestnut. A lot of what you see up and down this street and all over this city elsewhere started here.

It has been a privilege to become an anchor of our/your neighborhood. People have met here, gotten married. People have formed businesses here. Friendships for life. Written books here. One guy – a friend who writes for the NY Times – wrote his first novel here and had in the first two pages, The Grove (not mentioned by name) blow up!

Many careers got launched here. We have worked with kids with no English and no skills and been a part of their hard work to enable themselves to become adult salaried and bonused managers with families and careers who are a vital part of our organization, or our peer's organizations.

We were able to start our independent, SF-family/residents-owned, only-in-SF expanding company here. Enough to have The Grove – Chestnut lead to opening The Grove – Fillmore in 2002, to the Grove – Yerba Buena in 2010 and to The Grove – Hayes in 2011.

What's Next?

We are actively searching for a new location and plan to open in the next 12 months.

Want to stay in touch? Go to www.thegrovesf.com to leave your email.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!