

# The Painted Pony Restaurant, a Work of Art



-sit at what might be the best restaurant deck in St. George. It has everything you could want in a deck: size, color, comfortable seats, hidden pockets, a birds' eye view of the center of historical Ancestor Square, trees, strings of lights, umbrellas, and peace and quiet.



As unique as the atmosphere at the Painted

Pony is their food. It was fantastic. I started with the carrot jalapeño soup. They were somehow able to take the heat out of the jalapeños and bring out the flavor, which surprisingly went very well with the hint of carrot. An easy to eat dish, full of flavor and originality.



Next I had the grilled tenderloin burger. It was very tasty, though if you are a sauce person like me, you may want to order a side of A1 to dip it in. But it was very good and went well with my grapefruit avocado and spinach salad.



The Painted Pony also boasts a fine selection of wine, including an exclusive and special brand of Painted Pony Minot from the orchards of Napa Valley, CA.

Sampler readers would be happy to know that I made my meal choices based on what I saw the senior patrons ordering. Apparently this is a popular place with the seniors.

Last but not least, I was very moved by the story of sculptor Matt Clark who built the Painted Pony Sculpture found outside. Please ask for a copy of his story, it is amazing.

## A review of The Painted Pony Restaurant

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Having a background in Physical Therapy and Medical Assisting, I have been trained to notice detail. I can't turn it off - you can ask my wife. And though at times it has become a nuisance, even to myself, it is something that I could actually enjoy at the Painted Pony Restaurant.

There has been so much work put into the details at the Painted Pony, it's truly astonishing. I even caught a patron running her hand along the center pueblo chimney piece to capture its texture by feel as well as by sight.

I honestly could not find an inch in the place that hadn't been touched by an artistic mind. My table, for example, is known to the staff as "The Pony Table." It is adorned with color, having a brightly painted sun as the center piece, and then working outward - it was full of life and ponies and even a saying that was written around the circumference of the top edge.

Atop my table was a chilled metal goblet filled with ice water. It was refreshing and a fun piece to handle. The lighting drops from the ceiling so as to spotlight the table and the food, leaving a calming ambience beyond and wrapping its guests in a pocket of exclusion.

A perfect place to sit and talk, and it gives you plenty to talk about. Everything is original, one of a kind, solid, real, polished, painted, aged, designed, carved, molded, welded, hammered, layered, and invented.

Every trip to the Painted Pony would be a new experience. The words dull and boring do not exist here. I'm even looking forward to my next trip so that I may-