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RESTAURANT NEWS AND NOTES



L'Aventino Forno Romano

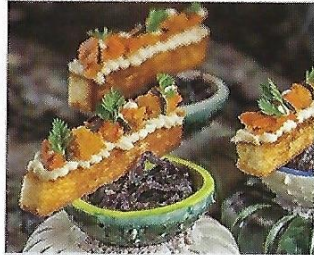
JEFF SCIORINO

a lighter, airier crust. Owner Adam Weisell, who grew up in Rome, spent most of his culinary career in New York and most recently served as chef instructor at Eataly's La Scuola.

Spanish tapas bar **Boqueria** opened in Fulton Market on Dec. 5, serving paella, sparkling Spanish wines and small plates popular in Barcelona. The 140-seat restaurant—which offers daily lunch and dinner service plus brunch on weekends—is the seventh Boqueria restaurant and the first in the Midwest for chef Marc Vidal, a Barcelona native who operates locations in New York and Washington, D.C.

NOW OPEN

Pizzeria **L'Aventino Forno Romano** opened last month in a Streeterville space that has seen four other pizzerias in as many years. The spot, open for dinner, will focus on pinsas—a type of pizza from Roman times that traditionally uses flour made from wheat, soy and rice to create



Uni toast at Porto

SALLY CARPENTER

Bonhomme Hospitality Group co-founder Daniel Alonso (Black Bull, Cafe Bonhomme) brings the Spanish coast to Chicago with **Porto**, a seafood restaurant and wine bar that opened recently in West Town. The menu is inspired by Alonso's childhood trips to the Atlantic coast of Gali-

cia and Portugal; along with conservas, flavorful tinned fish, it features fresh seafood imported from Spain baked or grilled with wood.

REOPENING

Halal Guys will reopen two of the three downtown restaurants that were shuttered in July amid a dispute between the former franchise operators and corporate ownership. The New York-based gyros chain did not provide an opening timeline but confirmed to Eater that the Gold Coast and Loop locations would return under new management. It's unclear what will happen to the third location in Wicker Park.



Paella at Boqueria

REY LOPEZ

COMING SOON

Kilwins, the nostalgia-inducing ice cream and fudge shop based in Michigan, will open a location on Navy Pier in early 2020 near the Chicago Shakespeare Theater.

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