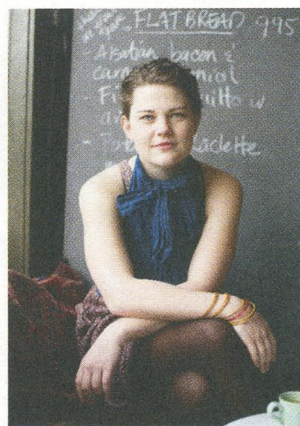


Le Marché St George Vancouver

Since its opening last winter, the eight-seat Le Marché St George has been doing top drawer turns with beans from local roaster Oughtred. Located in a 100-year-old corner house in the residential heart of the city's artist-heavy Main Street neighbourhood, it's very much a family affair. Janaki Larsen (an accomplished potter) and her husband Pascal (an expert in Chinese herbal medicine) own the business and source nearly everything on their retail shelves from within the province. Janaki's little sister Klee consistently coaxes superior espressos from her Nuova Simonelli machine, and serves them up on pewter trays with pain au chocolat and croissants. Le Marché is a refreshing haven from the high-street chains, which boasts a queue that is as quick as it is cordial. — ASM
4393 St George at the corner of 28th, + 1 604 565 5107, marchestgeorge.com



Barista profile

Barista Klee Larsen (above) is something of a perfectionist. "I've been known to throw out shot after shot in front of customers," she says. Larsen grew up on the idyllic Salt Spring Island and came to coffee by bagging beans at the island's roasting company.

Klee Larsen's picks:

Most relaxing night out: Brickhouse
"You don't need to be shy about showing off your horrible billiards skills here."
730 Main St,
+ 1 604 689 8645

Best look-out point: Mountain View Cemetery
"It has one of my favourite views of the city on a clear day."
5455 Fraser St, + 1 604 325 2646, vancouver.ca

Neighbourhood

In recent years, the traditionally working class area of Main Street has attracted young families and creative types of every stripe. Following them have been dozens of small shops, galleries and restaurants promoting products and artists and plating ingredients that are emblematic of the city and province.

Best bar: The Narrow
"Intimate, with ambiance."
1898 Main St, + 1 778 737 5206, narrowlounge.com

Best dish: Budgies Burritos
"The tortilla soup from Budgies Burritos."
44 Kingsway, + 1 604 874 5408, budgiesburritos.com

Best lunch: Café Nuba
"For great Lebanese and music."
146 East 3rd, + 1 604 568 6727, nuba.ca

