

New Local Restaurant

Upstate, readers: DOMAINE HUDSON WINE BAR & EATERY owner Tom Hudson wants his menu and wine list to be accessible, approachable and affordable. A Ralph Lauren-like interior—lots of leather and antiques—is inviting, but not intimidating. The décor should be the only thing that's distressed, which is why Hudson offers more than 40 wines in 1.5-, 3- and 5-ounce pours, starting at \$3. For those who aren't famished or those on a budget, the menu has six small-plate entrées, which range from \$12 to \$15. Executive chef Jeff Barrowcliff's early hits include mustard- and rosemary-crusted New Zealand lamb and the South African cold water lobster tail with American sturgeon caviar, jalapeño salsa and red pepper jus. The potato-crusted rockfish with Chardonnay-glazed onions and sauce verte is another popular entrée. Hudson and Barrowcliff are quick to turn away food and wine deliveries when the product doesn't meet their standards. (1314 Washington St., Wilmington, 655-9463)

