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Jeffrey's Grill & Catering

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Spicy Black Bean Chili With chili-cured steak, polenta & tomato sauce



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**General Manager Suzanne Royster,
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Catering Coordinator Paige Burks**

Describing Jeffrey's Grill and Catering as accommodating may understate owner and Chef Jeffrey Thompson's desire to please. For 23 years, Jeffrey's has been Carmel Valley's go-to spot for breakfast, brunch and lunch, with Thompson calling his food "American eclectic." At breakfast, Jeffrey's offers the "straightforward and simple" (eggs, French toast, pancakes), mesquite-kissed entrees (steak and eggs, huevos rancheros) and even eggless options (try granola and moo). Lunch brings soups, salads, pasta, pizza and desserts (Martha Washington's gingerbread is a must-order). But here's what makes Jeffrey's deliciously different: The staff refers to the menu as a guide, encouraging customer creativity. No one frowns on substitutions or special orders. Enjoy breakfast when the doors open at 7am or hours later when your tablemates want a mesquite burger. Or try what Jeffrey's calls "capricious pasta," subject to the whims of diners. After eating, most diners can't resist buying a jar of "Jeffrey's Best" spiced nuts, originally created as a salad garnish in 1994, and quickly evolving into a delectable cottage industry.

—Larry Harland

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LOCATION | Boekenooogen Vineyards
EXPERIENCE | *Priceless*



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