



**WINE SHOP & BAR**



# LOCATIONS

## Little Italy

2161 India St, San Diego, CA 92101 | (619) 564-6589

Sunday-Wednesday | 11AM-10PM | Thursday-Saturday | 11AM-12AM

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## Solana Beach

437 S Coast Hwy 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075 | (858) 353-2815

Monday-Thursday | 3PM-10PM | Friday-Saturday | 11AM-11PM | Sunday | 11AM-8PM

# ABOUT

Vino Carta is your neighborhood wine shop and bar with a focus on small, family-run producers and natural wines made through organic and sustainable farming practices. The first Vino Carta location opened in 2016 in the Little Italy neighborhood of San Diego, followed by a Solana Beach location in October 2021. With access to products few retailers in the country do, the Vino Carta retail shop offers an expansive, dynamic list of natural wines from around the world, available to-go or to be enjoyed in the wine bar by the glass and by the bottle. The wines by the glass menu changes weekly and always features orange wine, rosé, sparkling wine and draft wines in addition to several white and red options. The best the world of wine has to offer within the framework of sustainable biodynamic farming and transparent, low-intervention winemaking.

At Vino Carta Solana Beach, resident chefs Elliott and Kelly Townsend produce a rotating menu of snacks, small plates, and entrees with a major emphasis on ingredients heavily sourced from local farms like Chino Farms, and sustainable seafood from purveyors like Pacific Shellfish in Pacific Beach. Both chefs have fine dining backgrounds that include stints at Cowboy Star and Juniper & Ivy, and Vino Carta considers itself incredibly fortunate to have them as resident chefs in Solana Beach.

Vino Carts hosts seasonal releases, winemaker visits, popups, and dinners regularly, and every Sunday offers a casual, drop-in style wine flight called 'Sunday Wine School.' These tastings feature a different theme every week and are guided by one of the expert staff.

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# Brian Jensen

FOUNDER | CO-PROPRIETOR

Brian Jensen has been passionate about hospitality his whole life. After getting his Bachelor's in Management Communications, Brian attended The French Culinary Institute in New York City where he studied French Cuisine and Wine. Following culinary school, Brian continued his study of wine earning certificates from the Court of Master Sommeliers and the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. From New York to California, Brian has worked in nearly every aspect of the food and beverage industry, including cooking, wine sales, brewing and restaurant management.

In 2011, Brian opened Bottlecraft Beer Shop and Tasting Room, a craft beer boutique and bar that, in his words, "curates the best local, domestic and international craft beer". Bottlecraft quickly gained notoriety and has been voted San Diego's "Best Bottle Shops" by WestCoaster Magazine, Beer Advocate and San Diego CityBeat. Additionally, Bottlecraft has been featured in local and national publications including The New York Times, Time Magazine, USA Today, and Sunset Magazine. Brian is recognized as a craft beer industry expert and has been quoted in Market Watch Magazine, Beer Advocate, and San Diego Magazine. Since the opening of the original location in 2011, Bottlecraft has grown to five California locations.

In 2016 Brian, along with Patrick Ballow, opened Vino Carta, a wine shop and bar in Little Italy, San Diego that features small, family-run producers and natural wines made through organic and sustainable farming practices.

# Patrick Ballow

CO-PROPRIETOR

Patrick Ballow has been a partner in the wine side of the business from the beginning. As a wine sales veteran, he boasts a broad knowledge in the world of wines, particularly in specialty and small production vineyards. As Patrick puts it, “[Vino Carta] sees the parallels with the esters that natural fermentation pushes. Beer being the dominant force in San Diego has helped wine find its way.”





# SPECIAL FEATURES

- **Vino Carta Monthly Wine Club**
  - **Sunday Wine School**
  - **Seasonal Releases**
  - **Winemaker Tastings**
  - **Friday Motor Bites Food Pop Up at VCLI**



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