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Red Curry Duck confit bits topped with crunchy duck skin

Boxwood Kitchen chef joins two partners to open Rapa Nui Tiki bar

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Seated in a booth next to a giant moai (carved human figure with an oversized head) that occasionally “smoked” next to the table, my friend and I felt like we had entered a tropical paradise. “I’ve left my day behind; it’s like a different world,” my friend said while sipping her Painkiller tiki drink at Rapa Nui Tiki bar. This past year was the perfect time for a Tiki bar to open in Bend. Andrew Soriano, Chef Eric Rud (chef and owner of Boxwood Kitchen) and Jared Schmidt (a mixologist from San Francisco) wanted the restaurant to be more than kitschy and to truly celebrate the Polynesian culture.

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