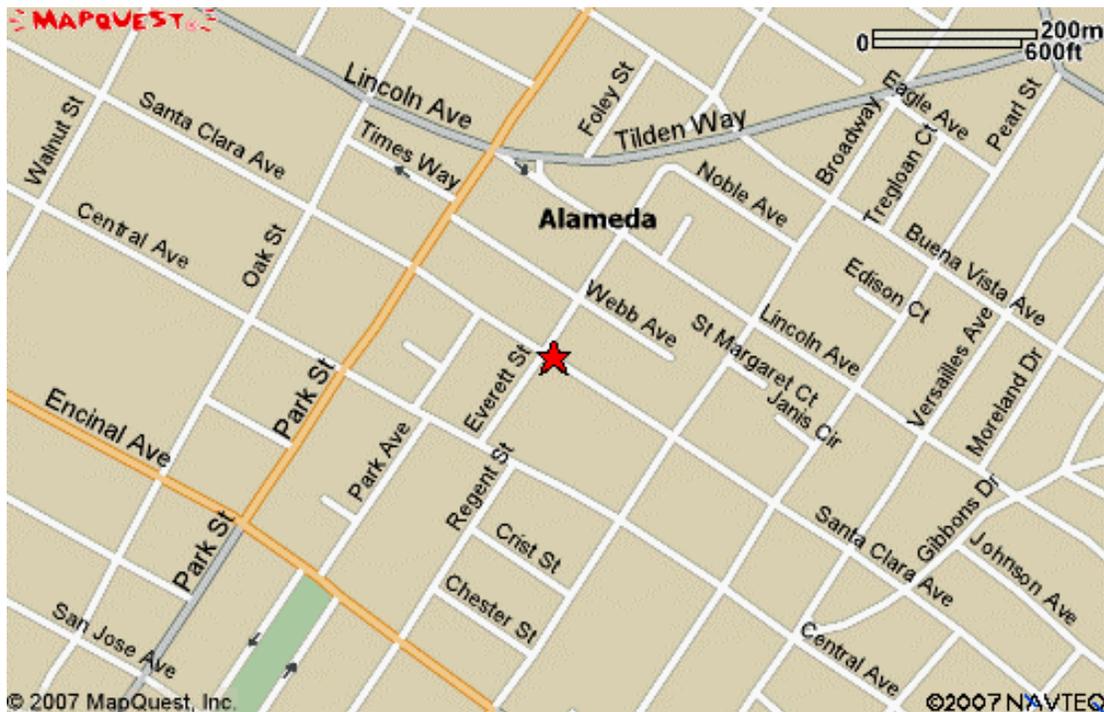


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Asena Restaurant

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2508 Santa Clara Avenue, (at Park Street)



Me and the Significant Other [SO] dined at Asena off of Park Street on the Island among a packed house. Due to the ongoing Wine and Art festival, the establishment's resources strained to carry the load, but the staff performed admirably. Not a dish in sight came cold or too late. True, they ran out of the daily soup and failed to deliver on a dessert requiring some laborious and time-consuming preparation, but the service was excellent and the Mediterranean-style cuisine superb.

I had the filet mignon with champignons in a burgundy sauce and the SO enjoyed the grilled Alaskan halibut draped with tomato-lentil. Our one complaint

regarded the intermittent lighting, which, given that PGE offices stood next door, seemed a curious anomaly as we experienced the occasional brownout. The home-made rosemary bread was scrumptious and the house salad -- replete with Kalamata olive, feta cheese and a balsamic vinaigrette to die for -- practically filled my SO. Asana on the Island is well worth checking out if your boat spring a leak and you blunder by accident into this area of the world.



Most of the independent reviews mentioned spotty service coupled with extraordinarily fine dining with a comprehensive wine list rivaling any of the 5-Star eateries in SF.

Lunch and dinner Mon.-Fri., dinner only Sat. Closed Sun.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW:

INCREDIBLE restaurant in Alameda. We've had over two dozen different entrees there and have only had one that wasn't the most amazing thing ever. It's the only place we can go and order anything on the menu and be sure it'll be

fantastic. I just can't emphasize the quality enough-- well worth the price. The menu is seasonal and the specials are always to die for. If you're in Alameda, this restaurant is unquestionably a cut above the rest (better than most in SF too).