

NORTH BAY BOHEMIAN

Just Milling Around



Recently gussied up, Napa's Old Mill is now home to some of the best food and culture Napa County has to offer, and every Wednesday, guests walk over 100-year-old stone while notes from jazz musician Alec Vidler and smells of fresh local dishes are carried on the evening breeze. It's Locals Night at the Mill, where in the plaza, the grills are covered with sizzling hot dogs while local restaurants have their doors propped open, welcoming guests with their own treats waiting to be gobbled up.

Locals Night guests have the opportunity to taste an eclectic sampling of what the Mill has to offer, with various culinary specialties highlighted each week for just \$5. Sweetie Pie Bakery offers two cupcakes for \$5; the Vintage Sweetshop is preparing two specialty coffee drinks for \$5 (as well as sinful chocolate dipped strawberries--three for \$5); the Napa general store pours wonderful local wine--\$5 a glass, which can be paired with tasty appetizers such as a Mediterranean olive bowl and ahi tuna wontons for \$5 each. After tasting these goodies, one heads over to Angèle Restaurant, offering 50 percent off all bottles of Pinot Noir and its homemade coq au vin--an aromatic braised chicken with fettuccini pasta.

With bellies and wallets full, it's time to really unwind. Celadon offers the "Bella," a sassy cocktail, or indulge in a \$5 chair massage from La Pelle Skin Spa and Boutique. All in all, the grills are hot, and the bakers and chefs are waiting to share some of their best treats. Come, let strong appetites lead the way to some of the Napa Mill's excellent food.

Locals Night at the Mill happens every Wednesday at the Historic Napa Mill. 500 Main St., Napa. 5-7pm. Free.