



## The Long and Winding Road Leads to Great Food

Winding Louisiana's River Road from New Orleans to Donaldsonville leads to gorgeous plantations, and recently brought me to the newly and beautifully restored Houmas House. Owner Kevin Kelly was very thoughtful in his attention to detail on the house and grounds, but but adding a restaurant was genius.

Start with cocktails in the plantation's Pigeonnierre/Garconierre, decked out with very cool fixtures and a well-stocked bar. After a cocktail or two, meander to the main house where Latil's Landing has officially opened with Chef Jeremy Langlois running the kitchen.

The menu is Louisiana-centric with contemporary flashes that are smart, not strange. Crab Cakes are enlivened with Mango and a spicy Chipotle remoulade; Dixie Shrimp take on a mantle of beer-laced batter, are flash-fried and set upon a bed of cheese and andouille grits- both dishes are excellent. Finish with a great cup of coffee and a clever riff on creme brulee flavored like a mint julep.

Lush landscapes, amazing architecture, heavy-hitting history and fantastic food - who could ask for anything more?

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