

Hotel El Capitan

ESTABLISHED 1930

"This town is so healthy we had to shoot a man to start a cemetery." -- A.S. Goyne
Goyne was shot in front of the hotel. He was the first person buried in the local cemetery

STARTERS + SALADS

SPINACH & ARTICHOKE DIP

house tostadas or whole wheat bread 15

MEXICAN SHRIMP COCKTAIL

jumbo shrimp | cucumber | celery | red onion |
avocado | Clamato | house tostadas 20

QUESO FUNDIDO

jalapeno or chipotle raspberry | corn tortillas 16

EL CAP CAMPECHANAS

chicken | cheddar & jack cheeses | chives tomatoes |
black olives | house tostadas | salsa | guacamole 16

FRIED BRUSSELS

balsamic reduction 7

CHIPS & SALSA 7

add guacamole +6

EL CAPITAN SALAD

spring mix | carrots | pecans | mandarin oranges
cranberries | feta | cumin-lime vinaigrette 8

WEDGE SALAD

iceberg wedge | bacon | tomatoes | onion | bleu cheese
crumbles | ranch dressing 8

BEET SALAD

spring mix | sliced beets | roasted pistachios | feta
cheese | evoo | balsamic glaze 10

GREEK SALAD

romaine lettuce | black olives | tomatoes | red peppers
onions | feta | pepperoncini | red-wine dressing 8

salad add ons

grilled chicken +7 *shrimp* +10 *salmon* +15

ENTRÉES

14OZ 1888 RIBEYE

herb butter | mashed potatoes 45

Pairs well with Bending Branch Tanat

CUT OF THE DAY

herb butter | mashed potatoes mkt price

steak add ons

shrimp +10 *mushrooms* +4

asparagus +4 *brussels* +5

PISTACHIO FRIED STEAK

jalapeño gravy | mashed potatoes | grilled
asparagus 22

PENNE FLORENTINE

house Florentine sauce | red onions | spinach
parmesan cheese | diced tomatoes 15

chicken +2 *shrimp* +10 *salmon* +15

EL CAP CHICKEN

smoked half chicken | roasted potatoes +
vegetables | Dijon jus 20

PECAN SALMON

basmati rice | green beans 26

Pairs well with Noisy Water Chardonnay

BURGANDY BRAISED POT ROAST

red wine braised | mashed potatoes | baby carrots 24

Pairs well with Pinamora Syrah

CHIPOTLE RASPBERRY PORKCHOP

porter house pork chop | chipotle raspberry sauce |
roasted potatoes + vegetables 25

PRIME RIB BURGER

seasoned ground prime rib | american cheese | lettuce
tomato | red onion | pickle | fries 15

bacon +2 *mushrooms* +2

sub impossible vg patty

CHICKEN BACON AVOCADO

grilled or crispy chicken breast | american cheese |
bacon | avocado | house sauce | lettuce | tomato | red
onion | pickle | fries 16

We're happy to split your plate for you +4 | A gratuity of 20% will be applied to parties of 6 or more

COCKTAILS

WEST TEXAS MARGARITA

jalapeños | tequila | triple sec | lime juice |
agave nectar | salt rim 10

EL CAP OLD FASHION

black cherries | orange slice | bitters 10

TX MULE

TX whiskey | ginger beer | lime 10

PATIO BUBBLES

peach schnapps | Moscato | orange juice
club soda 10

PALOMA FRESCA

Patron Anejo | lime | grapefruit | fresca 14

WHITE WINES

Pinot Grigio	Italo	ITLY	10/35
Sauv. Blanc	Ranga Ranga	CA	8/26
Alsace Blanc	Kuentz-Bas	FRNC	9/28
Chardonnay	Thomas Henry	CA	8/26
Chardonnay	Noisy Water	NM	10/35
Prosecco	Pizzolato	ITLY	9/28
Moscato	Pizzolato	ITLY	9/28
Rosé	Terra Madi	MX	10/35

BEER

DOMESTIC + IMPORTED 3.75

Dos Equis Negro Modelo & Especial
Corona Extra Pabst Blue Ribbon
Miller Light Ultra Coors Light

CRAFT + SPECIALTY 4.00

Dream Crusher IPA Shiner Bock
Alaskan Amber Fat Tire
Mosaic IPA Heineken Zero
VooDoo IPA Guinness

RED WINES

Tannat	Bending Branch TX	10/35
Thinkers Red	Bending Branch TX	10/35
The Other	Peirano Estate CA	12/35
Syrah	Piñamora MX	15/45
Tempranillo	Castilla y Leon SPAIN	8
Montepulciano	Lunaria ITLY	9/28
Malbec	Gauchecco ARG	8/26
Cabernet	Meadowcroft CA	15/45
Cabernet	Scotto CA	8/26
Pinot Noir	Thomas Henry CA	9/28
Pinot Nior	Meadowcroft CA	15/45
Jo Momma	Noisy Water NM	8/26
Ball Buster	Tait AUSTR	50
Merlot	Ramsay CA	15/45

A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOTEL EL CAPITAN

Hotel El Capitan was built in 1930 by the Gateway Hotel chain, led by Charles Bassett, at the crossroads of the forthcoming Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe & Big Bend National Parks. The hotel was designed by architect Henry Trost and constructed by McKee Construction Company, both of El Paso.

This 26,000 sq. foot hotel has a lobby with unique tiling by Mercer Tile Company, of Doylestown, PA. The lobby also includes stairwells with finely crafted wrought banisters and exposed Spanish vigas lining the 14 foot ceilings. Within the hotel's 3,000 sq. foot basement lived the Gopher Hole Bar, where many town gatherings took place.

The building operated as a hotel until the late 1960s. In 1973, soon after interstate 10 opened & the majority of traffic had bypassed Van Horn, Hotel El Capitan was sold & converted into Van Horn State Bank. In 2007, Lanna & Joe Duncan, of Fort Davis, purchased the building from the bank in hopes of ushering Hotel El Capitan back to the splendor of its heyday.

According to Mr. Duncan, during renovations they found over 50 yards of underground tunnels & what seemed to be an employee hideout, which were covered up during the bank conversion. In the employee hideout, they found vintage monogrammed dishes & beer cans from circa 1930. Additionally, during the bank conversion, all of the hotel room's restrooms were gutted. The Eagle's Nest is a small rooftop room adjacent to the elevator, that was named with regard to the Van Horn School's mascot.

In September of 2009, Hotel El Capitan reopened and has since been a beloved destination for travelers both near and far.

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