Revel Kitchen & Bar has been a smash with city sophisticates. The upscale tavern in downtown Danville offers bar bites and small plates, as well as heartier entrees, until 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

HOT SPOTS

Dublin's **Berevino Cucina & Wine Bar** specializes in old-world Italian cuisine and an extensive wine list; it's a great place to have a romantic dinner for two or to sip reds with a big group of friends.

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In Danville, **Albatross** serves meticulously crafted global cuisine. The food is complemented by the curated wine list and chic setting.

Tempting small plates, artisan cheese and charcuterie boards, and a variety of flatbreads (served on delicious bread from Salt Craft) complement the cocktails and an expansive rotating wine list at **Cellar Door** in Pleasanton.

Sabio on Main, with its delicious small plates and large bar, has become a go-to spot in Pleasanton. The global tapas menu is packed with delights, best when shared. For special occasions, the chef's menu and wine pairing make for an unforgettable experience.

MAKE WAY FOR DUMPLINGS

There's nothing like a dumpling– which can be found in countless shapes, sizes and styles–to satisfy one's craving for comfort food with an international twist. And the Tri-Valley offers numerous delicious versions of this fan favorite.

Start your journey at **Pacific Pearl**, which opened in 2018 on Pleasanton's Stoneridge Drive. **King Wah Seafood Restaurant** features a variety of dumplings on its dim sum menu, including a spinach trio. **Dalian Club House** also provides an intimate experience for savoring fresh, boiled dumplings, while **Fiery Shanghai** serves up memorable Shanghai style and chili oil flavors.

In Dublin, Mayflower Restaurant offers a considerable dim sum menu, and the pan-fried and steamed dumpling options-including shrimp, scallops and even sea bassare must-haves. Koi Palace at Ulferts Center was Dublin's original dim sum restaurant and serves a variety of dumpling types from northern China, including those with spinach, squid ink, beet and turmeric skins. 88 BaoBao shifted focus to noodles and steamed dumplings in 2018 and offers steamed leek, pork and shrimp dumplings, as well as pan-fried chicken and pork options. Golden Sand Harbor has a robust selection that includes everything from steamed har gow for shrimp lovers to dumplings filled with abalone and sea cucumber or scallop and tobiko.

Finish your dumpling adventure at **Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard** in Livermore, and enjoy the signature steamed dim sum tray featuring dumplings as diverse as shumai, pea sprout and pumpkin (with sea scallops and wild shrimp).