

# Consonance 2024 Restaurant Guide (aka Foooooood!!!)

Since this is our first time at this hotel, and since there are no obvious places to eat within walking distance (other than the hotel restaurant, which may or may not be open when you want to eat), here's a list of nearby places to eat. Note also that many of these places deliver.

If you're looking for a specific cuisine not shown here, ask me. I live here.

Bon appetit,  
—Lynn

## Closest “Strip Mall” to the Hotel

4300 Great America Pkwy (at Mission College Blvd), Santa Clara, CA 95054

If you head from the hotel towards Hwy 101, there's a strip mall on the right as you approach Mission College Blvd.

### **HiroNori | Craft Ramen**

4300 Great America Pkwy #180, Santa Clara, CA 95054

<https://hironori.com/santa-clara-bay-area-ramen>

**Daily** 11am-9pm

(669) 342-5146

Ramen (Japanese noodle soup) place (not to be confused with cheap bricks of deep-fried noodles). They have a vegan ramen bowl for vegetarians and rice bowls for a gluten-free option. Reviews say that if you go in person, they only take cash, but Google claims they take credit cards (I haven't eaten here, so I can't speak firsthand). Most meals seem to range from \$12-\$20.

### **Banh Mi & Bowl**

4300 Great America Pkwy #172, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 326-2299

<http://www.banhmibowlsc.com/>

**Monday-Saturday** 11am-8pm

**Sunday** 11am-3pm

Casual Vietnamese food. Bahn mi are Vietnamese submarine sandwiches. Some of them are vegan. The place offers rice and salad plates with the sandwich fillings as a gluten-free option (I haven't eaten here yet). Foods range from \$10-\$14.

### **Fremont Kabab**

4300 Great America Pkwy # 164, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 380-4224

<https://www.fremontafghankabob.com/>

**Tuesday-Sunday** 11am-10pm Casual place serving Afghani (middle eastern) food. There are vegetarian and gluten-free options. Food ranges from around \$7 for a bowl of soup to \$28 for a triple combination kebab that includes lamb, with most entrees around \$15-22.

### **Amakai**

4300 Great America Pkwy #156, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 988-2555

<http://www.amakaisushi.com/>

**Monday-Friday** 11am-2pm, 5pm-8:30pm

**Saturday** 5pm-8:30pm

Japanese restaurant run by a father and son team. (Trivia: This place used to be “Amarin Thai.” It’s pretty obvious that they picked this name to be able to reuse most of the signage.) They have a sashimi and sushi bar as well as a variety of cooked foods. Entrees seem to range from \$15-\$22, with most sushi items running around \$6/apiece.

### **Pizza My Heart**

4300 Great America Pkwy #148, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 988-9100

<https://www.pizzamyheart.com/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11am-9pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-10pm

Local pizza chain serving good California-style pizza. They serve pizza by the slice and whole pizzas, and they have some interesting and unusual topping options (this *is* California!). They also offer gluten-free crust and vegan cheese (Miyoko’s) options. (Note that Miyoko’s vegan mozzarella contains mushroom extract.) They also have a Coca-Cola Freestyle machine.

### **Wingstop**

4300 Great America Pkwy # 140, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(669) 900-4799

<https://www.wingstop.com/location/wingstop-2448-santa-clara-ca-95054/menu>

National chain fast food place selling chicken wings, boneless wings, tenders, and a chicken sandwich. No vegetarian or gluten-free options (they bread the wings).

### **House of Bagels**

4300 Great America Pkwy #132, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 727-4888

<https://www.doordash.com/en-US/store/house-of-bagels-santa-clara-622388/>

**Monday-Friday** 5am-3pm

**Saturday-Sunday** 6am-2pm

Bay Area bagel chain that sells bagels, bagel sandwiches (and toppings), croissants, and coffee drinks. Their bagels are amongst the better ones in the area. Costs range from \$2.25 for a single bagel to \$14.95 for a bagel with lox.

### **Iguanas Burritozilla**

4300 Great America Pkwy #116, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(669) 266-3200

<https://www.burritozilla.com>

Small, local family-owned burrito chain that started out catering to college students. Except for the 18” long, \$49 “burritozilla,” you can get a meal here without breaking the bank. (OTOH, it’s big enough to feed a family of four.) They have vegetarian and gluten-free options (in the form of tacos and bowls).

## Further Along Great America Parkway

### **Starbucks**

4200 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 330-0925

[www.starbucks.com](http://www.starbucks.com)

**Sunday-Thursday** 5am-7pm

**Friday** 5:30am-7pm

**Saturday** 5:30am-6pm

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### **Parkstone Wood Kitchen + Taps**

4200 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 588-1234

<https://www.parkstonerestaurants.com/santa-clara-menus/>

**Monday-Friday** 6am-10am, 5pm-10pm

**Saturday-Sunday** 7am-11am, 5pm-10pm

Local branch of a Portland, OR-based eatery selling “New American” food, much of it cooked over a wood-fired stove, along with local craft beers and cocktails (they have Coca-Cola beverages on tap). This location only serves breakfast and dinner. Breakfast costs around \$15, not including a beverage; dinner costs range from around \$9 for a bowl of soup to \$34 for wood-grilled shrimp.

### **Indian Sizzler**

4150 Great America Pkwy, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(669) 772-3077

<https://www.indiansizzlerca.com/?location=11ee7dd98ef02abbaf423cecef6dbaf0#21>

**Daily** 11am-2:30pm, 5pm-9pm

Indian and Sri Lankan food. This place is so new that Google doesn't even have it listed! I phoned the restaurant and learned that they have a daily lunch buffet for \$25/person and serve sit-down Indian food Monday-Thursday nights and a dinner buffet (also \$25/person) on Friday-Sunday nights. Entrees the rest of the nights run from \$9 to \$22, with most in the \$12-\$17 range.

### **Pedro's Restaurant & Cantina**

3935 Freedom Circle, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 496-6777

[www.pedrosrestaurants.com](http://www.pedrosrestaurants.com)

**Monday – Thursday** 11:30am - 8:30pm

**Friday** 11:30am - 9:30pm

**Saturday** 12:00pm - 9:30pm

**Sunday** 10:00am - 2:00pm (Brunch Only), 2:30pm - 8:30pm (Dinner)

Mexican-American food, along with an all-you-can-eat Sunday brunch. The place has gluten-free and vegetarian/vegan options and can deal with food allergies and sensitivities.

## The Mercado

If you head from the hotel to Hwy 101, turn right at Mission College Blvd, and then turn left at the stoplight, you'll find this shopping center. In addition to restaurants, there's a FedEx business center, a movie theatre, a TJ Maxx/Home Goods store, and a Walmart Neighborhood Grocer (the nearest supermarket to our hotel).

### **In-N-Out Burger**

3001 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

<https://www.in-n-out.com/menu>

**Sunday - Thursday** 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

**Friday - Saturday** 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 a.m.

A California-based burgers and fries chain with high quality control and a cult following. In the rare cases when I want a burger, this is where I go. A few years ago they were rated the "second best burger chain in the USA," which is pretty impressive when you realize that they only exist in eight out of 50 states. To see the place's vegetarian and gluten-free options, do a Google search on "In-N-Out Secret Menu" to get an idea of what they can do. When in doubt about the name, specify what you want, and they'll oblige. Another piece of advice: to get served more quickly, go inside and order. The drive through lines are almost always humungous.

### **Tomatina**

3127 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 654-9000

<http://tomatina.com/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11am-9pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-10pm

Italian food. They serve salads, entrees, piadini (a pizza crust stuffed with salad; you fold it and eat it like a taco), calzones, and pizza. You can get vegetarian/vegan and gluten-free piadinis, pasta, and pizza. Expect to pay anywhere from \$16.75 to \$24 for your meal.

### **Krispy Kreme**

3133 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 986-8824

<https://www.krispykreme.com>

**Monday-Thursday** 6am-10pm

**Friday-Saturday** 6am-11pm

National donut chain with a cult following.

### **Panda Express**

3139 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 330-0691

<https://www.pandaexpress.com/locations/ca/santa-clara/2367>

**Monday-Wednesday** 9:30am-9:30pm

**Thursday-Sunday** 9:30am-10pm

Steam table Chinese American chain, and probably the fastest hot meal you'll find in within a mile of the hotel. Note that the staff at this one will sometimes stop making items within as much as an hour before closing. Prices before taxes are anywhere from \$10-\$18 depending upon your order. Gluten free and vegetarian options exist, although you risk cross-contamination.

### **SmokeEaters Hot Wings**

3175 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054  
(408) 970-3300

<https://smoke-eaters.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Menu-4-2023-Santa-Clara.pdf>

**Tuesday-Thursday** 11am-11pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-12am

**Sunday** 9am-10pm

**Monday** 11am-10pm

Sports bar known for its hot wings and beers on tap; also sells sandwiches, burgers, tacos, and other “bar food.” Gluten-free and vegetarian options sort of exist (the tacos, nachos, and the house salad).

### **Starbucks**

3113 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054  
(408) 727-1419

<https://www.starbucks.com/store-locator/store/11569/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 6am-7:30pm

**Friday-Saturday** 6am-8pm

Note that this location is open later than most other ones.

### **Jamba Juice**

3119 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054  
(408) 450-7990

<https://locations.jamba.com/ca/santa-clara/3119-mission-college-blvd>

Juice and smoothie chain. A nightmare if you’re a diabetic or hypoglycemic (most drinks contain some form of added sugar or high glycemic juice); can be dangerous if you are allergic to any of the ingredients, as they usually just shake out the blender in a tub of water to “clean” it.

### **World Wrapps**

3125 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054  
<http://worldwrapps.com/menu/>

**Daily** 11am-8pm

Seattle-based chain serving wraps, bowls (wraps without the flour tortilla or nori sheet), and smoothies. Vegetarian options available. “Gluten free” options are bowls or nori wraps (but somehow many contain soy sauce, which contains wheat). The only sugar-free beverage options are iced tea and water. Most foods run around \$15-\$16.

### **Pho Hoa & Jazen Tea**

3147 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054  
(408) 753-1982

<https://www.pho-hoa-noodle-soup-mercado.business.site/#menu>

**Daily** 10am-10pm

North American chain serving Vietnamese noodle soup, rice dishes, and Vietnamese drinks (including jelly and boba). Vegetarian/vegan option available; most of the menu is gluten-free (they use rice noodles). Most dishes run around \$14-\$16. Word of advice: order the “small” (which is pretty huge), as the large is usually big enough to feed a family of four. One review said they use MSG in their broth.

**Tostadas Prime**

3149 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 320-2847

<http://www.tostadasprime.com/>

<https://www.doordash.com/store/tostadas-prime-santa-clara-24801537/>

**Monday-Thursday** 4pm-11pm

**Friday** 4pm-12am

**Saturday** 10am-12am

**Sunday** 10am-11pm

This place is part sushi bar, part Mexican fusion, part high end steakhouse, and part boozeria. Lots of gluten-free options, but nothing for vegetarians. The only sugar-free beverage option is water. The least expensive entrees are \$23; the priciest will push you over \$300 after tax.

**The Roasted Crab**

3151 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 666-0008

<http://theroastedcrab.com/>

**Monday-Wednesday** 1pm - 10pm

**Thursday-Sunday** 11am - 10pm

Cajun seafood and steak place. Gluten-free options available (the seafood boils), but no vegetarian options. Prices range from around \$13-\$40+, with most items coming in around \$20.

**Subway**

3155 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 969-9778

<https://restaurants.subway.com/united-states/ca/santa-clara/3155-mission-college-blvd>

**Monday-Thursday** 8:30am-10pm

**Friday-Sunday** 8:30am-11pm

Sub sandwich chain. Some vegetarian options; order a bowl for “gluten free.” Check the web site for specials, especially when ordering ahead online. Prices range from around \$7 for the least expensive 6” to \$16 for the most expensive 12” with most bowls falling in around \$12.

**Paris Baguette**

3159 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(669) 300-8877

<https://www.parisbaguette.com/>

Chain bakery that sells mostly dessert pastries, some wraps and salads. One gluten-free option (Buffalo Chicken Salad); two vegetarian (but not vegan) options.

**Walmart Santa Clara Neighborhood Market**

3255 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 961-3599

<https://www.walmart.com>

**Daily** 6am-11pm

Nearest grocery store to the convention hotel.

## Santa Clara Square Marketplace

2762 Augustine Dr (at Bowers Ave), Santa Clara, CA 95050

This is a strip mall on the other side of Hwy 101 from the hotel. After you cross the highway, it's on your left. Note that Great America Parkway changes its name to Bowers Ave when you cross 101.

### **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**

2762 Augustine Dr Suite 110, Santa Clara, CA 95050

(408) 346-4557

<https://www.flemingssteakhouse.com/Locations/CA/Santa-Clara>

**Monday-Saturday** 12pm–10pm

**Sunday** 12pm-9pm

Upscale steakhouse chain. Some gluten free and vegetarian/vegan options available. A *salad* from here costs around \$17-\$19. The entrees start at \$44 and can go up to \$176, not including sides.

### **Eureka!**

2762 Augustine Dr Suite 130, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 703-0037

<https://eurekarestaurantgroup.com/locations/mountain-view/menu>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11am-11pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-12am

Western chain of upscale burger bistros. Gluten-free buns and a few vegetarian options (they have a beet burger) available. Expect to spend at least \$17-\$22 for a burger before taxes.

### **Puesto**

2752 Augustine Dr #110, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 333-9750

<https://www.eatpuesto.com/location/santa-clara/>

**Daily** 11am-9pm

San Diego-based Mexican chain. Gluten-free and vegan/vegetarian options available. The place is set up to deal with popular allergies. Prices range from \$12-\$22 for most items.

### **Whole Foods**

2732 Augustine Dr Ste 1600, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 562-9162

<https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/santaclara>

**Daily** 8am-10pm

Health food store chain that has hot and cold food items available for takeout. I mention it because it's a quick and relatively affordable food option.

### **Floodcraft Taproom**

2520 Augustine Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 562-9162

<https://www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/santaclara>

**Tuesday-Saturday** 12pm-11pm

**Monday-Sunday** 12pm-9pm

The brewpub attached to the Whole Foods market. I can vouch for the beer. Some food available. Sometimes folks will buy food at the Whole Foods and carry it into the brewpub.

**Opa!**

2722 Augustine Dr #130, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 780-9120

<http://www.opaauthenticgreek.com/menu.html>

**Daily** 11am-9pm

Local Greek food chain. Some (limited) gluten-free and vegetarian options; no vegan options. Most entrees run from \$17-\$22.

**Pacific Catch**

3315 Coronado Pl, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(669) 342-4327

<https://pacificcatch.com/locations/santaclara/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11am-9pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-10pm

Bay Area-based seafood chain serving a combination of raw and cooked seafoods and other animal-based proteins, often using Mexican or Asian ingredients. Gluten-free/Vegan menu available. Entrees cost anywhere from \$12 to \$39, with most coming in around \$15-\$25.

**Jaks Authentic Indian**

3333 Coronado Pl, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 753-9870

<https://www.jaksrestaurant.com/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11:30am-9:30pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11:30am-10pm

Upscale Indian food. Prices range from \$13-\$65 for an entrée.

**The Halal Guys**

2526 Augustine Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(669) 342-5181

<https://thehalalguys.com/locations/2526-augusteen-way-santa-clara/>

**Daily** 11am-10pm

Halal middle eastern food chain. They have vegetarian options. It's not clear whether you can get dairy-free or gluten-free options. Prices for a meal run from \$13 to \$16.

**Starbucks**

3253 Coronado Pl, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 988-8776

<https://www.starbucks.com/store-locator/store/1017198>

**Monday-Friday** 5am-8:30pm

**Saturday-Sunday** 6am-8:30pm



## Across Bowers Ave from Santa Clara Square Marketplace

### Jack in the Box

**Monday-Thursday** 12am-3am, 6am-12am

**Friday-Sunday** Open 24 hours

They don't deliver, but if you're hungry or thirsty and it's the middle of the night, they're open.

### Sizzler

2855 Augustine Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 727-7907

<https://sizzler.com/locations/sizzler-santa-clara/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11am-9pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-9:30pm

Casual chain that serves steak and other animal proteins and has a large all-you-can-eat salad bar. Entrees range from \$11 to \$40 with most being around \$16-\$22.

### McDonald's

2850 Augustine Dr, Santa Clara, CA 95054

(408) 727-9726

<https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/location/CA/SANTA-CLARA/2850-AUGUSTINE-DR/5461.html?cid=RF:YXT:GMB::Clicks>

**Daily** Open 24 hours

The drive-thru is 24/7, but the dining room closes at night.

## A Little Further Out

I've included some places on Lawrence Expressway (one stop north on Hwy 101) because they're unique to the area or favorites of some of the conglom. I didn't include everything (why go to the McDonald's on Lawrence when you can go to the 24 hour one that's closer?).

### Merit Vegetarian Restaurant

548 Lawrence Expy #2, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 245-8988

<https://www.meritvegetarian.com/menus>

**Daily** 11 AM–3 PM, 4:30–8 PM

Vegan southeast Asian food, and they know how to deal with food allergies. Everything is already vegetarian/vegan, and they know what is and isn't gluten-free.

### TOGO'S Sandwiches

540-2 Lawrence Expy, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 735-1102

<https://www.togos.com/locations/sunnyvale/540-2-lawrence-expy>

**Monday-Saturday** 10am-9pm

**Sunday** 10am-8pm

Locally based sub chain with a cult following; note that Alan Thiesen is part of that cult. People know their favorite sandwiches by their number on the menu. Vegetarian/vegan options available; gluten-free options in the form of salads. Expect to pay around \$6 for a 6" sub, \$9-\$10 for a 12" sub, and \$14-\$15 for an 18" sub.

### **Una Mas Mexican Grill**

548 Lawrence Expy #1, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 720-8226

<https://theunamas.com/menu>

<http://www.unamassunnyvale.com/>

**Monday-Friday** 9am-9pm

**Saturday-Sunday** 10am-8pm

Local casual Mexican place that caters to the silicon valley crowd (read: they're not crowded on weekends). They make everything to order, so vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or whatever other option you want is no big deal. Prices vary from around \$5 for an individual taco, \$10-14 for a burrito to \$14-\$18 for a combination plate.

### **Chaat Bhavan Express**

544 Lawrence Expy, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 773-1101

<https://www.chaatbhavan.com/sunnyvale-menus/>

**Wednesday-Monday** 10am-9:30pm

Local Indian street food chain. Everything is vegetarian. Some items are vegan, some are gluten-free, and the menu frequently points that out. Menu items range from around \$4 for smaller items to \$15 for meals.

### **Tasty Subs & Pizza**

528 Lawrence Expy, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 738-8761

[https://www.ordertastysubs.com/?utm\\_source=gbp](https://www.ordertastysubs.com/?utm_source=gbp)

<https://www.tastyindianpizzasunnyvale.com/menu>

**Daily** 10am-10pm

The sign may say "Tasty Subs," but this is *the* place that started Indian pizza, and yes, "Indian pizza" is a Silicon Valley thing. I've never had one of their subs, but I can vouch for both the regular and Indian pizza. Vegetarian options are available, there's a 12" gluten-free cauliflower crust option, and vegan options are mostly salad (although you could ask them to leave the cheese off your pizza). A personal pizza (three toppings or a specialty one) will cost around \$8.50, a gluten-free one costs around \$19, six-inch subs go for \$8.35, nine-inch subs go for \$11.

### **Chaats and Currys**

520 Lawrence Expy STE 310, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 746-9192

<https://order.online/business/chaats-and-currys-894>

**Monday-Wednesday, Friday** 11am-12am

**Thursday** 11am-10pm

**Saturday-Sunday** 4pm-10pm

Indian street food and "curryritos" (burritos with Indian fillings) place that caters to the Silicon Valley workforce (hence the dinner-only hours on weekends). They serve both Halal meats and vegetarian/vegan food and have gluten-free options. I don't know whether they use butter in their basmati rice. Meal items run from \$9-\$14.

**St. John's Bar & Grill**

510 Lawrence Expy, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 738-8515

<https://stjohnsgrill.com/menu/>

**Tuesday-Thursday** 11am-9pm

**Friday** 11am-10pm

**Saturday** 11:30am-9pm

This place gets a special mention because every burger aficionado I know *swears* by this place. Their burgers are 1/3 pound, and they make their own sauces. They also serve Philly cheesesteaks and chicken sandwiches, and they have craft beers on tap and lots of TV screens with sports. They offer turkey burgers and Gardenburgers™, but there are no gluten-free options other than fries and chili. Most food items run from around \$13-\$16.

**Happy Lemon**

520 Lawrence Expy #301, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 721-7947

<http://www.happylemonusa.com/>

**Sunday-Thursday** 11am-10pm

**Friday-Saturday** 11am-11pm

Boba tea chain. Non-dairy milk available. Teas are vegetarian or vegan and boba is gluten-free.

**Pad Thai Cuisine**

500 Lawrence Expy, Suite B, Sunnyvale, CA 94085

(408) 733-2626

<https://www.padthaicuisineca.com/>

**Monday-Friday** 11am – 8pm

**Saturday** 11am-7pm

Thai restaurant that caters to the Silicon Valley workforce. I've never had a bad meal or cross contamination problems here. They can handle vegetarian/vegan and gluten-free diets. Fun fact: when I order the "brown" rice here, it's often purple! Entrees range from \$15-\$23, not including the rice (\$2.50-\$3).