

## Union Square

**Burritt Room & Tavern.** Inspired by film noir, this dining room and bar feature curtained booths and photos of old San Francisco. The bar gets loud. The restaurant stays pretty quiet (especially behind those booth curtains). Burritt Alley, just behind the tavern, is where Sam Spade's partner gets gunned down in "The Maltese Falcon." Owner-chef Charlie Palmer opened the restaurant in April 2012. The neighborhood is unlovely — near Union Square, but on the gritty block just before Stockton Street becomes Stockton Tunnel. (Upstairs from the tavern is the Mystic Hotel, another 2012 venture of Palmer's, 417 Stockton St.; (415) 400-0561, <https://www.burritttavern.com>. Dinner mains from \$26.

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**Café de la Presse.** Across the street, Chinatown begins. Around the corner, Union Square beckons. Upstairs, the Hotel Triton ushers guests into rooms papered with Kerouac excerpts. And in this busy, casual café, you can scan the global newsstand, then settle in among a local/global crowd for a bistro-style meal. 352 Grant Ave.; (415) 398-2680, <https://www.cafedelapresse.com>. Dinners mains from \$19.

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