

# ZAGAT

## 9 SF Valentine's Day Reservations to Book Right Now

By Meesha Halm



Gary Danko

It's nearing the end of January, and you know what that means. Valentine's Day is coming up, and if you need a little help with planning, look no further - we're here to help. If you're too scared of the kitchen to cook for your sweetheart (or simply don't want to deal with the mess), check out our suggestions of where to spend your night in the city. For recommendations outside of SF, head [here](#).

### Over-the-Top Foodie Fantasy

**Co:** If you're gonna drop the big bucks, swing for the benches and enjoy Daniel Patterson's innovative sensual 11-course tasting menu that challenges your mind and palate (\$165 per person, additional \$105 for wine pairings; 415-393-900).

**Flour + Water:** This SoMa hot spot is offering two options. In the dining room, chef **Thomas McNaughton** will be preparing a \$75 special tasting menu, with an additional \$50 wine pairing. But if you've got the dough, consider reserving a spot at one of the two seatings that will be taking place in the private Dough Room, during which McNaughton will be joined by Michael Gaines, chef de cuisine of the upcoming **Central Kitchen**, to cook a five-course wine-paired tasting menu that highlights the best of the season (\$150 per person and includes wine pairings; 415-826-7000).

**Gary Danko:** Champagne kisses and caviar dreams really do come true at the Zagat victor for both Food and Most Popular, which will present a special holiday-inspired four-course prix fixe (\$87, plus additional wine pairings starting at \$58). To accommodate as many lovebirds as possible, the restaurant will be open extended hours on V-Day (as well as the day before). To gild the lily, all tables will receive roses and chocolate on the house (415-749-2060).

### **Hops Are for Lovers**

**Monk's Kettle:** Forget the bubbly. As part of the San Francisco Beer Week, this hops-centric Mission tavern will be hosting a special V Day-themed Beer Week event called "Sweet and Sour Valentine" and will pour one of the most sour beers in the world - the Cantillon Rose de Gambrinus. To balance things out, Monk's will be serving Dieu du Ciel! Aphrodite and other sweeter brews. Chef **Adam Dulye's** regular brew-friendly à la carte American menu (served until 1 AM) will be available to pair with the feature beers (415-865-9523).

**Half Moon Bay Brewing Company:** This popular small-production brewpub makes a great place to celebrate a hoppy Valentine's Day - coastal locale, outdoor patio fire pits, live music and à la carte food and beer pairings courtesy of the resident chef and brew master working in collaboration (650-728-2739).