



## HOT DISH

What's new and what's tasty around town this week

# Beyond the sea

## Dell'Anima

38 Eighth Ave.; (212) 366-6633; dellanima.com

THIS new Italian wine bar and restaurant comes from a pair of industry veterans with a justifiably buzz-worthy pedigree: former Babbo sommelier Joe Campanale and chef-partner Gabe Thompson, formerly of Le Bernardin and Del Posto. Their intimate West Village restaurant, which takes its name from the phrase "of the spirit" in Italian, offers 100 Italian wines served in hand-blown, hand-crafted Bormioli glassware, cocktails by Dale DeGroff and a proper aperitivo hour from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring a slew of

snacks to pair up with a house-infused grappa or house-made limoncello.

**Must-have meal:** Selection of bruschetta like bone marrow custard with gremolata salad, pizzoccheri with sage, potato, garlic, brussels sprouts and fontina (five for \$15); braised lamb shank and polenta (\$19); and desserts (\$8) change daily, but do go for the chocolate budino with toasted hazelnuts if it's being served.

**Soundtrack:** An eclectic mix including Ollabelle (a Brooklyn-based band), Alice Smith (also Brooklyn-based) and more "well-known" artists like the Cure, the Decemberists, Arcade Fire and Regina Spektor.

**Hours:** Mon.-Sun. 4 p.m.-2 a.m.