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## Decisions ...

Choose wisely and abundance shall follow, in single plates that deliver three variations on a tasty theme (details, next page)

Cartwright's tenderloin trio:  
elk, beef and buffalo



Depending on the hour, Primebar is a sit-down restaurant or a stand-up-and-dance club.

## Food & Grooves

Select hotspots throughout Scottsdale supply a full night's entertainment—drinks, dinner and live music—under one roof. **Culinary Dropout** offers creative comfort food all day, and live rock music after 9 Friday-Saturday ([www.foxrc.com](http://www.foxrc.com). Scottsdale Waterfront, 480.970.1700). • **Estate House** boasts masculine elegance, American dishes with international accents, and music in the Upstairs lounge Wednesday-Saturday ([www.estatehouseaz.com](http://www.estatehouseaz.com). SouthBridge, 480.970.4099). • The new **Primebar**, located at the base of a chic mixed-use development, unites an ambitious cocktail program with all-American entrées and live music after 10 Thursday-Saturday ([www.primebaramerica.com](http://www.primebaramerica.com). Scottsdale Quarter, 480.822.6200).—*Julie Lemerond*

### CHOOSE ONE, GET THREE

»Three 3-oz. tenderloins at **Cartwright's Sonoran Ranch House**: elk, beef and buffalo (6710 E. Cave Creek Rd., 480.488.8031)

»The cupcake appetizer at **tuck shop**: "red velvet" beet cake with horseradish cream, onion cake with lox and cream cheese, and cornbread with cotija, aioli and chili powder (2245 N. 12th St., 602.354.2980)

»Trio of fries at **Bourbon Steak**: truffled, dusted with smoked paprika, and topped with herbs (7575 E. Princess Dr., 480.513.6002)

### RED-LETTER DAYS

**OCT. 9:** Arizona Taco Festival at Scottsdale Waterfront; \$10-\$50, [www.aztacofestival.com](http://www.aztacofestival.com)

**OCT. 10:** Cupcake Love-in tasting affair at Hotel Valley Ho; \$10, [www.cupcakelovein.com](http://www.cupcakelovein.com)

**OCT. 17:** Uncorked and Unplugged gala at Desert Ridge Marketplace; \$125-\$200, [www.uncorkedandunplugged.org](http://www.uncorkedandunplugged.org)

**OCT. 22-24:** Crave AZ festival at Scottsdale Waterfront; \$40-\$100, [www.cravearizona.com](http://www.cravearizona.com)

**Oct. 29:** First Press tasting of 100+ wines at Musical Instrument Museum; \$65, [www.firstpressarizona.com](http://www.firstpressarizona.com)

### NEVERMIND THE NAME

In addition to their namesakes, **Fairytale Brownies** is baking cookies and **Urban Cookies** is making cupcakes. Phoenix's Fairytale has specialized in brownies for 17 years, and just last month, debuted caramel pecan and double chocolate cookies; gift orders and updated retail locations online ([www.brownies.com](http://www.brownies.com)). Urban Cookies lures customers to a central-Phoenix storefront with five varieties of largely organic cookies, four cupcakes, and wonderful smells (4711 N. 7th St., 602.451.4335).



Urban Cookies made these.