

Lydia Shire's hot spot gets nod from Esquire

The talk of the Towne

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Boston's culinary scene received another accolade from the national eye as Towne Stove and Spirits celebrated its award last night from Esquire magazine as one of the best new restaurants in America.

"It means more than you'll ever know," said Lydia Shire, culinary director at Towne and a Herald Fork Lift blogger. "John (Mariani, the restaurant critic for Esquire) has a certain standard in his mind for a restaurant, and it's made me want to perform every day."

Noshing on one of Shire's signature lamb chops, Mariani spoke about Towne's formidable entry into Boston's — and the country's — food scene. "As soon as I sat down and had a lobster popover, I said, 'Say no more,'" Mariani said.



Photo by Christopher Evans

The restaurant was all aglow with the national recognition. "It's a little edgy and a little out there, but Boston needed a place like that. There's something for everyone here," said Todd -Dagres of Boston.

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John Mariani, Esquire's restaurant critic, celebrates with Lydia Shire, the culinary director at Towne.