

Earl's Grocery 2014

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The sisters who own Carpe Diem Restaurant have created another winner. Bonnie Warford and Tricia Maddrey have been seizing the day with a new place named after their father. They recently opened the doors to Earl's Grocery, just a block away from their restaurant, and anyone who's anyone has been writing and talking about this place. Don't let the name fool you, it's not a *regular* grocery store but a spot for your urban provisional needs. It has a deli but it's not your regular deli ... it has a liquor license.

Right in the heart of Elizabeth, this little (not regular) grocery store, deli and bar has been creating quite the buzz and not just with their cocktail classes (though celebrated cocktail guru, Bob Peters, makes his way to Earl's from Pisces to teach mixology). Earl's can also boast local gourmet foods and the fact that chef Marc Jacksina has had his hands "all up in" the menu and the impressive selection.



I spent the most time in the cheese, sausage and wine areas but there's something for everyone there including (but not limited to) regional and organic beers, juices, local honey and spreads for days. The front of the building opens up on pleasant days and you may see some familiar faces and brands ... and some with which you can familiarize yourself. So take your mom, your client or your significant other and go check out Earl's. That's an order.

If you're looking to support local, then go no further. Monday through Friday they are open from 7:30am to 7:30pm and Saturdays they are there from 8:30am to 6pm.