



GRÉGOIRE Restaurant opened in Oakland's historic Piedmont District today!

BERKELEY – February 21, 2006 – Chef/Owner Grégoire Jacquet has expanded his critically-acclaimed GRÉGOIRE Restaurant in Berkeley with a second location at **4001B Piedmont Avenue** in Oakland – which opened today.

Recently named one of the “Bay Area’s Top 9 Takeout Spots” by *San Francisco* magazine, the new GRÉGOIRE is located in the historic Elsie L. Turner Building, a Beaux Arts structure designed by renowned architect Julia Morgan.

Chef Jacquet has been at the forefront of re-inventing takeout since June 2002, when he opened the original GRÉGOIRE around the corner from Chez Panisse in Berkeley’s Gourmet Ghetto.

Since its debut, GRÉGOIRE has become a dining hit with both restaurant critics and customers. Among its most popular items are the GRÉGOIRE Crispy Potato Puffs (\$4.25), which have earned cult status around the Bay. *San Francisco* magazine featured the Puffs in its “The 125 Best Things to Eat” issue last May, *East Bay Express* critic Jonathan Kauffman has included them in his “Top Ten” list of favorite dishes, and *7x7 SF* magazine made them an “Editor’s Pick,” among other accolades.

GRÉGOIRE offers unique high-end sandwiches and entrées meticulously prepared using classical French cooking techniques. With an emphasis on the finest natural and organic ingredients, the menu changes monthly to feature locally-grown produce picked at the peak-of-ripeness and fish and meats in their prime.

Prior to opening his own restaurants, Jacquet served as the Executive Sous Chef for the Ritz-Carlton, in charge of the kitchens at their highly-rated San Francisco, Boston and Puerto Rico hotels. He began his career in France at the age of 14, completing an intensive apprenticeship that included two- and four-star restaurants by the time he was 18. In 1989,

Jacquet immigrated to the U.S. to work for renowned Master Chef Jacky Robert at Amelio's in San Francisco – who elevated him to Chef de Cuisine only a year later.

Facts:

Website: www.GregoireRestaurant.com

Hours: 7 days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Lunch served until 4:30 p.m.)

Menu: Changes on the first day of each month; available on the website

Advance Orders: Call or fax in the order form available on the website

New Oakland Location

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(at 40th)

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