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INLAND EMPIRE & THE DESSERT The Quarter Creole Cuisine

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There is a particular joyfulness inherent in food from Louisiana and the people who cook it. The Quarter Creole Cuisine speaks to the magic of a cuisine that soulfully blends French, Spanish, Caribbean, and West African influences, reminding us why New Orleans is such a beloved culinary capital. Executive Chef and owner Norm Theard, who previously cooked a Roux Creole Cuisine in Laguna Beach, brings authenticCreole and Cajun dishes to ClaremontVillage. The handsome dining room featured crystal chandeliers hanging from a stamped tin ceiling and classic New Orleans lamp post and Mardi Gras masks reflect the heritage of Theard's family, memorialized in vintage photos lining the walls.

There is no better way to begin at the Quarter than with a flaky biscuit studded with green onions and roasted garlic and smothered in a luxurious cognac colored sauce laced with crawfish and andouille sausage.