

PEACH BUZZ / RICHARD L. ELDREDGE

Feel free to nibble on restaurant tidbits

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Before calling it a night, we also dropped in at the just-opened Krog Bar, chef Kevin Rathbun's latest culinary concept, adjacent to Rathbun's in Inman Park.

The Bill Johnson Studio designed the warm sexy interior with glowing golden orbs hanging from the ceiling. The Spanish tapas-styled space for 38 diners inside and a capacity for 26 patio patrons is ultra-casual and features waiter-friendly pre-opened bottles of wine lined up on the bar.

Antipastos include Rathbun's own Krog Street Mozzarella with chili oil and sea salt. Tramezzini finger sandwiches include roasted red peppers with prosciutto hand-sliced by the bartender.

"Krog Bar is modeled after a Spanish tapas place I visited in New York," Rathbun told us while taking a break from the kitchen. "It's designed for people looking for a small bite to eat and a good glass of wine." Rathbun concedes there were other motivations for opening the small space adjacent to his restaurant as well.

"I didn't want anyone else coming in here and monopolizing my parking," he explained. "I had nightmares of a coffee or dessert place opening up in here!"