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Brats Tutoring Brats

Michael Cera, Jonah Hill and Darryl from *The Office* join other stars in a Judd Apatow-produced short about [tutoring underprivileged kids](#).

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LA is not known for French food, but the arrival of **Comme Ça** may change all that.

This isn't frilly, fancy pants French. Several rooms with a black and white color scheme and chalkboard walls covered with Hemingway quotes keep the focus on the food and casual buzzing from tables. A **cheese counter** up front displays what's for dessert, while shuckers at the neighboring **raw bar** give diners an appetizing show.



The kitchen cranks out reliable versions of **brasserie classics** — French onion soup, moules frites, coq au vin — but some sing more than others. Perfectly sautéed squid with tomatoes and basil oil is full of contrasting flavors. A savory bouillabaisse makes use of fresh west coast ingredients, with two types of steak fish, shrimp, and mussels. **Best of all is the rich beef bourguignon with pureed horseradish potatoes.**

There are more than a dozen wines and champagnes by the glass, with reasonably priced house carafes of red and white. For cocktails, try the **Dealer's Choice: specify the spirit and your mood, and the bartender will whip up something special.** We picked whiskey and got a classic tasting cures-what-aills-ya tumbler of bourbon, lemon and honey.

Comme Ça

[8479 Melrose Ave.](#), West Hollywood (323) 782-1104

Price: 3 (out of 4) **Noise:** 3 (out of 4)

Scene: Foodies of all stripes seeking out quality French fare.

Best bets: Dealer's Choice; steak tartare; bouillabaisse; beef bourguignon; 5-cheese selection

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No reservation? The tables at the raw bar are saved for walk-ins.