

vinaigrette restaurant albuquerque nm size: 3190 sf estimated value: \$1 million completion date: november 2012

project team:

- developer: jay rembe, rembe urban design + development
- architect: mullen heller
- structural engineer: walla engineering
- civil engineer: isaacson & arfman consulting and engineering
- contractor: insight construction
- landscape: heads up





While repurposing the historic Sandia Theater on Route 66, rembe urban design + development attracted a new tenant for a second vacant building next door. Erin Adams, owner of the Santa Fe restaurant Vinaigrette, wanted to open a Vinaigrette in Albuquerque and chose this location.

Erin's goal was to be a green certified restaurant and to that end, she salvaged flood-damaged trees from the local Dixon apple farm and used them to make beautiful, wide-planked distressed floors. Erin also kept the ceiling exposed, which made the original steel trusses visible and gave the interior an industrial, modern look. The exterior includes a private, landscaped garden and an outdoor patio.

Vinaigrette has activated the street and improved the pedestrian experience. It has also become a local meeting place for many residents, who were underserved by restaurants until Vinaigrette arrived. The restaurant is also committed to using organic produce and sourcing from local vendors.









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