

## DINING OUT

### A review of Passion

FORT MILL, S.C. -- Reader Don Hidy raved about the new **Passion 8 Bistro** in an e-mail. Here's an excerpt:

"We have dined there on several occasions since our first time last November and it just seems to get better each time.

"Chef Luca is from Italy and his wife, Jessica, is from New York. They are a young couple who truly are passionate about their new venture. They shop local farmer's markets for the fresh and organic foods and use only healthy oils in their food preparation. Although the menu is quite global, they will prepare just about any type of meal with a day's notice.

"It's not too expensive, not too loud and not too stuffy. This little gem was formerly a small house that was converted to a video gaming parlor ... It is not very impressive from the outside, but what a incredible surprise when you enter."

Hidy took his wife there for her birthday on Jan. 17 and says they enjoyed an off-the-menu, five-course chef's surprise meal.

Passion 8 is at 341 S.C. 51 in Fort Mill, S.C., about six miles south of Carolina Place Mall. Details: [www.passion8bistro.com](http://www.passion8bistro.com) or 803-802-7455. It's open for lunch and dinner, and has monthly wine dinners.