



You enter a soaring, contemporary space. The atmosphere is welcoming and relaxed, upscale yet casual. You're comfortably seated and enjoy a beautifully prepared meal surrounded by amazing works of art that stir the soul, a rare mix of truly interesting people, and great music that elevates the whole experience.

That's been our vision from day one. For 27 years, our patrons have returned time and again to celebrate the special and more ordinary occasions that mark their lives -first dates, birthdays, engagement parties, weddings, and company events, a simple bite with colleagues, a late-night drink with friends, Happy Hour, brunch, lunch, or dinner.



The Journey

For almost three decades, Hal's has become a Venice neighborhood landmark—the very soul of Venice—inseparable from the life of this unique, bohemian, beachside arts community.

We're open today in Venice and have new locations coming soon. Now under development at the Runway, Hal's is arriving in Playa Vista and embarking on a new journey, living at the intersection of music, art, film, media, technology and community.

Join Us

Hal's Bar & Grill serves distinctive, seasonal American cuisine in a spacious, casual setting, surrounded by world-class contemporary art. Enjoy specialty cocktails, top-notch wines and craft beers at our wrap-around bar - considered by many to be the friendliest watering hole in Los Angeles. Enjoy live jazz on Sunday and Monday nights.

Chef Manuel Mares creates award-winning cuisine from carefully selected market-fresh meat, seafood, poultry and produce—and cooks it simply, to perfection. Reserve our Private Dining Room for your next special event.



*"Mississippi Walking" by
Photographer Kwaku Alston*

Our Team

Executive Chef, Manuel Mares:

“I’m inspired by beautiful food, fresh ingredients and LA’s rich and diverse culinary influences. I strive to create simple, well-prepared dishes consistently, that leave customers satisfied and coming back for more. Our staff, many of whom have been with us for years, works hard each day to uphold the highest standards and give our customers a great experience every time.”



Hal Frederick:

“I met Don and Linda Novack in 1987, and our partnership has been amazing. I get so much love from people – our staff, my partners, our customers... everyone is like family.”

Linda Novack:

“I’m proud that our efforts to create memorable dining experiences have resonated with so many for so long and grateful to our amazing staff for their hard-work, loyalty and love.”

Don Novack:

“I’ve been blessed to meet so many wonderful people who are part of the community. Every day I look forward to visiting with customers, hearing about and sharing their experiences, and hosting many of their celebrations. I’m a long-time, active member of the Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Abbot Kinney Merchants Association, and am pleased to have been involved with, and honored, by the Venice community through the years. I’m in the restaurant most days, so don’t be surprised if I stop by your table and say ‘hello’.”



Community Art Landmark

From the day Hal's Bar and Grill opened in 1987, Hal Frederick's dedication to painting, sculpture and music set the restaurant apart as a community arts landmark.

Hal's is dedicated to the artistic culture that has always been a central part of Venice community. We feature permanent exhibition and revolving artworks created by both budding local Venice artists and established, internationally renowned ones exhibited in galleries and museums all over the world including: Ed Moses, Larry Bell, Mykel Alatza, Judy Stabile, Peter Alexander, Luc Leestemaker, Kwaku Alston, Laddie John Dill and even one by singer and painter Joni Mitchell.

At our new Playa Vista location, Hal's will be hosting film premieres by LA's indie filmmakers and will be offering a film festival to celebrate the diverse creative talent in the LA film community.

Live Jazz

Live music at Hal's Bar & Grill is truly an experience. We present live jazz showcasing nationally and internationally known performers and musicians as well as talented local favorites on Sunday evenings.

Come enjoy the musical stylings of such acclaimed musicians as Vince Wilburn, Cal Bennett, Thom Rotella, John Nau, Louis Taylor, Anna Fisher, Onaje Murray and Greg Poree.



Private Parties at Hal's

Whether you're planning a business lunch or dinner, a wrap-party, casual cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a birthday, family or holiday celebration-- or a simple gathering "just because", you'll enjoy the fine cuisine, attentive service, and tasty libations you've come to expect from Hal's.

Choose from our famous signature cocktails, full bar, and top-notch, eclectic wine list. We'll work with you and take care of all the details--flowers, decorations, personalized menus - to make your event special and memorable.



Catering by Hal's

If you've already picked out a spot for your next event, let us bring Hal's special touch to you. We'll take care of everything, treating you and your guests to the same professional service and outstanding food that prompted Bon Appétit magazine to declare Hal's Bar & Grill - one of the ten best neighborhood restaurants in the country.

From flowers to rentals, bar services to food, we'll personalize all the event details to your needs so you can relax and enjoy.

Dine With Us

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Hal's / Playa Vista
- Arriving Soon -
At The Runway
Spring of 2017

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