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Dining out Spotlight on the Coast

Dharma Blue - Harbor Docks - Camille's



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Back in 1979, Harbor Docks was just a weather-beaten little cottage with six picnic tables, one bathroom and an ancient old dog named Raspberry who laid out on the porch all day thumping his tail at the folks who wandered up for a few ice cold beers and oysters on the half shell. Harbor Docks was nothing fancy back then, and things haven't changed much.

Charles Morgan, the owner of Harbor Docks, has added on to the little cottage over the years. Now, there's a Sushi bar and Hibachi grill and the deck sprawls along the waterfront. Of course, Raspberry has gone on to his reward, and Charles has added a few more creature comforts...he put in air conditioning, paved the parking lot and added valet parking, but the old picnic tables are still here and Harbor Docks is a long way from fancy. Our made from scratch food is honest and healthy.

Our service is warm and friendly. We welcome you to relax, enjoy the view and soak in the local color...the local flavor of Harbor Docks!

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Camille's is a beach restaurant combining the best of Dharma Blue and Harbor Docks. The name comes from two people that had, and continue to have, a large influence on Charles Morgan. Charles and his partners hope you enjoy Camille's, named for his grandmother and mother, Big Camille and Little Camille.

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COMMODITY REPORT

AVOCADO

- **Mexican fruit** – Steady supplies continue to cross into the states. Quality is nice. **MARKET STEADY**
- **Chilean Fruit** - Chilean fruit supplies will be a little light this week, with new arrivals of fruit this weekend. **MARKET STEADY**

BELL PEPPERS

Eastern Bells: The pepper market remains steady. Warmer temperatures anticipated this week should soften the market slightly by the end of the week.

BERRIES

- **Strawberries:** Strawberry production this week has gone from bad to worse with shippers getting estimates that are less than last week. Oxnard is very slow and will not really pick up until January, Mexican production is slow due to cooler temps and the same goes with Florida. We can expect better Florida production looking towards the middle of next week. Quality is fair at best across the board. There is forecasted rain for California this weekend and off and on into next week. **MARKET HIGHER.**
- **Raspberries:** Raspberry production has tightened up this week due to cooler temps in the growing regions. There are significantly less raspberries crossing currently. There are some small quantities from South America into Los Angeles. **MARKET HIGHER.**
- **Blackberries: No Change** Blackberry production from Mexico is up to speed with consistent transfers from Mexico and landing two to three times a week and Mexican product into Los Angeles. There is significantly more product and current fobs are reflecting it. There are a handful of shippers with very aggressively priced blackberries due to heavy deliveries. Reports of quality have been good. **MARKET LOWER**
- **Blueberries: No Change** We are starting to see the first of the Chilean fruit arrive with a bit higher fob than Argentina. most shippers are continuing cutting back on how much product they are bringing up and some shippers are making moves to clean up on what inventory they are sitting on. Argentine growers are taking the stance that if shippers can not get at least around sixteen dollar fob then they will stop sending up product. On the other hand there are some shippers aggressively trying to clean up what product they have. We can expect some kind of a gap as shippers stop flying product up and start shipping up on boats. This will be a longer travel time and will give shippers more time to work through supplies ultimately bringing the market back up and in a stronger position. We can expect a higher market next week. **MARKET STEADY**

BROCCOLI

The broccoli supplies are picking up. Salinas is still harvesting broccoli. Supplies are also better in the Santa Maria growing region. Yuma has started harvesting product but in very light supplies. Prices have fallen due to the holiday being finished. Prices will remain competitive for the rest of the week. Expect the market on broccoli crowns to get stronger next week as well as bunched broccoli. **MARKET STABLE**

CARROTS

Quality and availability continue to remain steady on the West Coast. Harvest is still coming out of Bakersfield. **MARKET STEADY**

CAULIFLOWER

This market is softer due to better supplies coupled by weak demand. Salinas is just about finished up, Yuma and Santa Maria are light in availability. Please keep in mind that growers have cut back on acreage in Yuma on this commodity which will make this market very up and down throughout the season. This market will definitely be stronger at the start of the week. **MARKET STABLE**



COMMODITY REPORT CONTINUED

CITRUS

- **Lemon:** Supplies are very good on all sizes except for 200ct. Quality and condition are good. **MARKET STEADY**
- **Oranges:** Navel pack out are off this week fog hampering harvest. Size is shifting to bigger sizes and 88's and smaller fruit are very tight. Quality is very good. **MARKET STEADY**

CUCUMBERS

- **Western Cucumber:** Nogales shippers are getting better supplies in from Mexico. Still looking at increasing supplies over the next few weeks. Demand is good. **MARKET LOWER**
- **Eastern Cucumbers:** The cucumber market is coming off slowly as Florida begins to produce better volume. However, minimal acreage has been planted this year, so anticipate the market to hold at the higher levels for several more weeks.

GRAPES

With approximately 2+ million boxes of Crimson red seedless left in storage, domestic grape shippers will most likely ship through the entire month of December. However, if they encounter some quality issues, things could clean up sooner. The first Chilean Flames are starting to hit both coasts by week end and even a few Prime green seedless as well. Although Chilean shipments over the next few weeks will likely increase, if there is greater pressure to lower Chilean prices, Chile could well divert shipments from the U.S. to other countries and tighten up imported supplies. There are still imported green seedless from Brazil hitting both the east and west coasts in very good volume, and F.O.B. pricing has become very attractive, even compared to what is left on 16# Thompson. **MARKET STEADY**

MELONS

- **Cantaloupes:** Offshore fruit from Guatemala is now dominating the melon market, but there are only light supplies of large fruit (9ct)* available this week. Increasing supplies over the next 10-14 days should ease the pressure there. There are very good supplies of the smaller sizes (15/18ct)* and there are deals available! Quality is very good to start the season especially with the Harper varieties including long shelf life and higher Brix levels. Demand is strong for the large sizes but expect no significant market change especially if supplies increase in the coming weeks. **MARKET STEADY**
- **Honeydews:** The honeydew market has changed with the finishing of the Mexico deal and the light supplies arriving from Guatemala into the East Coast ports. Moreover, there are even less available on the West Coast keeping the market active! There is strong demand for offshore fruit and that looks to continue into next week. **MARKET STRONGER**

SQUASH

Eastern Squash: The current softening of the squash market may come to a halt after the anticipated heavy rains. However, dry weather will return this weekend so expect the market to stay where it is come Monday.

TOMATOES

Eastern: Palmetto Ruskin growing area is becoming more of a producer with tomatoes. We are seeing lower fob in FL currently, possibly due to the dynamics of the holiday and shippers not wanting to be caught with inventory. We can expect to see better production in FL also due to a bit warmer temps. **MARKET LOWER.**



WEATHER ALERT

The very strong upper level low pressure storm system currently rotating off the Southern California coast looks to tap into moisture from the Eastern Pacific Ocean. This will bring heavy precipitation to Southern California and the Southwestern Desert growing regions. As this storm system moves east today very cold air behind this system will bring a chance of freezing temperatures to the desert growing regions over the next few days.

Harvest crews in the desert regions are currently on stand by due to heavy rains in the region. Harvests are unlikely to take place today as rains are expected to continue throughout the day. Following these rains (Thursday) the water soaked fields and anticipated very cold temperatures will create ideal conditions for frost and freeze damage to take place. This of course will depend on overnight temperatures. If freezing temperatures occur, this will further delay harvests tomorrow, not to mention slow going in the wet and muddy fields. These factors will combine to create a drastic shortage of product over the next few days at a minimum. Long range forecasts show continued cold temperatures (10-15 degrees below normal) as a series of low pressure systems roll in from the Pacific Ocean over the next week or so. Although substantial rain is not expected to reach the desert locals with these upcoming systems the anticipated cold temperatures will drastically reduce growth rates in these desert stands. This will keep supplies light through the holiday season with lesser texture, shelf life and overall quality. We will be closely watching these current and upcoming weather trends and keep you informed as we gather the information.