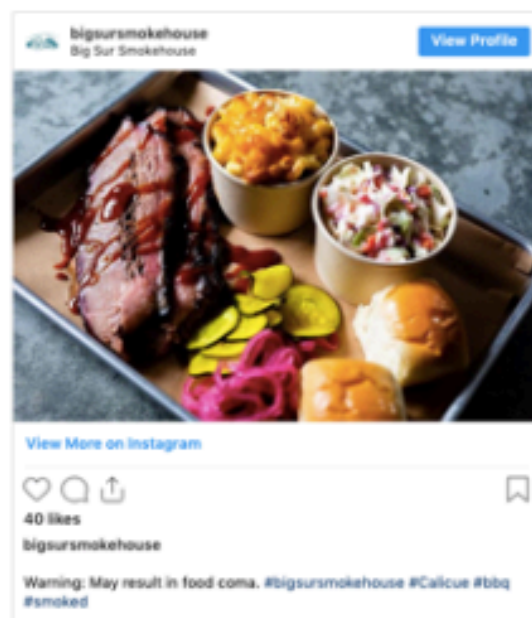


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Pull This Pork, Dip That Chip, and 5 More Things to See & Do This Week

Big Sur's Biggest Opening



Development in [Big Sur](#) is pretty much not a thing, which is good. So when a new restaurant opens in that idyllic, hard-to-get-to slice of perfectly preserved mythic California coastline, it is a very big deal. Enter the new [Big Sur Smokehouse](#): the first restaurant opening in Big Sur in 15 years, a model of right-sized progress, and an organic addition to the limited dining options in the tiny town (man cannot live on Nepenthe alone). Housed on Highway 1 on the edge of the Ventana Big Sur resort in the original 1867 homestead of the pioneering Post family, the joint serves tender smoked brisket, hot links, and chicken smoked over oak with herbs and onion skins from Ventana's kitchen garden for an added layer of flavor. You can get burnt-end baked beans, mac and cheese, and the like, while the quinoa salad with kale and smoked tomato and vegan smoked mushrooms honor the location's hippie California heritage. The shaded wrap-around porch is a lovely spot to sip a hazy IPA and take a brisket break on a summer ramble down Highway 1. —*Hugh Garvey, executive editor*