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Racines des Près

Following the success of Racines, Racines 2, Racines New-York and La Crèmerie, plus Au Bon Saint-Pourçain and Caffe Stern, serial restaurateur David Lanher opens the left bank Racines des Prés in the chic heart of Saint-Germain – opposite the imposing Church Saint-Thomas-d'Aquin. If Racines were a musician it would be Bob Dylan, however, Dylan definitely can't cook like Alexandre Navarro! Blowin' in the wind is a small contemporary space – book the bar overlooking the tiny open kitchen, handy to pick up a few tricks of the trade, especially if you're eating solo. Navarro, a passionate chef (formed with Christian Constant, Alain Ducasse, Frédéric Anton, Alain Pégouret) sends out neo-classic food.



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With his enthusiastic team, Navarro worships at the shrine of seasonality. (Lunch 29€-33€ Dinner about 48€ + wine). See Sam for a stunning selection of natural wines (by the glass 7€). We liked white Beaujolais Domaine de l'Ecluse 2016 (30€) and the red Vin de pays d'Allobrogie Côte Pelée 2013 from Jean Yves Peron (75€) which captures the Savoy region in a glass.



Chef Navarro, photo: Lisa Klein-Michel

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