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GRACE 17.20

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Norcross, 678-421-1720

Grace 17.20's dining room feels like tranquility itself. Dark wood chairs with gentle curves carved into their backs echo the swanlike swoops of the minimalist chandelier. The walls and window treatments are taupe on taupe, the floorboards are a complimentary mocha and the food is stacked elegantly in the center of large, gleaming white plates. In other words, Grace couldn't be more aptly named. Of course, all this serene presentation (not to mention impeccable service) would be meaningless if the food weren't also good enough to lull diners into a Zen state. Happily, this thoroughly grown-up Norcross haven is up to the task. To start things off cozily, soup is a must, especially with offerings ranging from a butternut squash soup with curried apples to summer corn chowder garnished with lobster. Corn and shellfish, in fact, are two of the frequent charmers on Grace's menu. PEI Mussels on Anson Mill grits, with a splash of wine and butter, are sugary sweet and bursting with flavor. Seared scallops on sauteed corn are equally rich, though fennel salad gives them a nice bite. If few of Grace's dishes offer big surprises, the fact that the menu rotates often will keep returning diners on their toes. (The cheesecake and crème brûlée flavors shift daily and are often winsomely creative.) Besides, Grace doesn't need to perform culinary back flips. Its cuisine is simply, elegantly delicious. And, like a ballerina smiling through her sweat, Grace 17.20 makes it look effortless.



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