

ZAGAT SURVEY

2003

LOS ANGELES/SO. CALIFORNIA RESTAURANTS

Scampi **SM**

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▽ 22	12	21	\$29

40 N. Mentor St. (Colorado Blvd.), 626-568-4959

■ Once you locate this "small and unassuming" Cal-French eatery "hidden away on a side street", you'll be treated to "splendid" "bargain gourmet" offerings, courtesy of the talented Simental brothers; à la Shiro, where brother Pedro was chef, a popular fried catfish with ponzu sauce is available, but paradoxically, there's "not a scampi in sight"; now that "the secret is out", this "small treasure" gets "noisy", but rest assured, "the quality of the food far exceeds the din."