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Customers Enjoy La Boulange: Delicieuse

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On a busy Thursday afternoon, customers oogled the very attractive croissants, brioche and tarts that looked almost too pretty to eat as they queued up for lunch at Lafayette's newest cafe, La Boulange. Coffee, iced tea, pastries, salads and the very popular "La Combo" - any open face sandwich with a cup of soup or side of greens - seemed to be flying out the door; it's fair to say that business is brisk.

Page Range and Ester Schafer came in to pick up lunch to go. Range was especially impressed with how "clean and fresh" the food looked; she also liked the clever menu items and welcoming decor. The ladies were looking forward to enjoying a caesar salad and hummus sandwich with avocado, cucumber, tomato and sprouts.

Groups of happy diners were enjoying the fall sunshine at the outdoor tables. From the looks of it, many of the female patrons had come directly from tennis. Many of the gals were diving into warm goat cheese salads with candied pecans.

"The food is wrapped like a gift," noted Jennifer Russell. Her daughter had been to a Boulange in San Francisco and encouraged her to give it a try. Russell had Prosciutto and fig on a walnut baguette; pal Marilyn Smith nibbled a Turkey and cranberry sandwich.

"Fantastic," said Katie Rambaud, "I really like the balsamic vinaigrette on the greens and my Portobello veggie burger with mushroom and melty brie. I wish there was a place this yummy in Moraga. It's like a little slice of France in Lamorinda."

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