

LA Unscripted | May 12th, 2022

From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the unscripted way So take notes as we travel through Social Hello everyone I'm Dana Devin Welcome to L A unscripted Inglewood California is our first stop tonight Home of the world famous forum the brand new Sofi Stadium and now the city's very first wine bar Jasmine Simpkins crushes this new hot spot Tin Tin Wine and events is the first and only wine bar in Inglewood We have the largest selection of black owned wines Um We just have a great time here We opened August 22nd of 2021 So a little over six months my love for wine actually started when I was in law school when I graduated and came back to LA I said look I want to do a wine bar at the same time She was looking for an event space So we just decided to do it together I'm a wedding planner I've been in the industry for almost 10 years now And so I always wanted to own my own event space I knew that I wanted to do it in Inglewood because this is where I'm from where we still currently live Um so I knew I wanted it to be here We uh obtained the building It was an automotive garage So even when we came to look at it uh when we were considering getting it we were it was even hard for me to imagine it looking like anything else but the automotive garage I kind of designed the space kind of piece by piece So I knew the vibe that I wanted I knew the colors that I wanted You know a traditional wine bar has like a lot of reds and burgundy and we just wanted something different but we still wanted it to feel warm and cozy We do daily special for wine We have about 10 different flights that you can choose from So there's four wines two ounce pours and it allows you to just try different varieties of the wine Oh here is a mix of our red and white flight So we start off with a little sweetness with our Riesling Uh Then we go dry with our sauv en Blanc go to our Opp Pinot noir which is um it's still dry but it's not as dry as like a cap would be And then we close out with the cabinet The wine community is small the black wine community is even smaller So people would just introduce us to new wines all the time And if we try them and we like them then we'll put them on our menu Thankfully we do have food Uh So you know we have traditional wine bar stuff bread butter um you know charcuterie boards Mussels things like that Uh But we also have some entrees We're able to team up with the local chef who created our menu Chef Kendra who has Swift Cafe and her vision we're just executing here This is one of our most popular dishes This is a shrimp and risotto Um It's a play on shrimp and grits

It has Cajun butter uh mixed in with our shrimp on top and it pairs very well with the sauvignon blanc that we have Ladies Excuse me Come on Whose recipe is this Who is this mom's recipe Do I need to interview her too This is so good How does it feel to have a wine bar right here in Inglewood where you guys grew up It's been everything we wanted and more just support from the community busy um people coming in giving us new ideas Um Like we're starting to spoken word we have a DJ Uh we have to meet the winemaker So it really is just a collaboration with us in the community over the last couple of years Obviously I've educated myself more on wine but I like to drink it and I like what wine stands for It really stands for bringing people together And that's why I think tin Tin has been so popular because it really is a space that brings people together over wine Thank you Jasmine Now in the words of Corinne Bailey Ray and a song that's made quite a comeback Go put your records on Doug Cole gets the des on a hidden gem made for music lovers and memorabilia collectors All right this is awesome This is Candy Land Well this is Rockaway Records in Silver Lake We've been here for about 40 years now selling records C DS memorabilia A little bit of everything When you talk about memorabilia that's what's hot right now And vinyl vinyl is super hot as well So show me some of your valuables you you want to start with the most valuable Yeah let's do it let's do it Ok This is the best thing we have in the store This is a piece of the Ed Sullivan backdrop From the very first night The Beatles appeared in Ed Sullivan on February 9th 1964 I have to ask numbers here How much do you buy this for And how much do you sell it for Well I don't own it I'm selling it on consignment for a local collector and I'm asking 700,000 for it What else you got Ok let's see My next let's go over here besides the classic rock like Beatles What's super hot now is punk and grunge The Sex Pistols t-shirt fairly common promo item came out in 77 I used to sell them in the late seventies for like 2030 bucks Now look at the price \$850 grunge Look at that nirvana signed photo Look at the price on that \$16,000 So is a is a signed Nirvana photo that rare Very rare I mean if you look on a lot of the auction sites and that I wanna mention names 90% are phony Oh really Yeah be careful buying autographs Meet Alice Cooper That's an actual stage costume that he wore on stage and that's going for \$20,000 You know what's the coolest thing about all this is that every piece of memorabilia has a story as far as dealers go nobody pays more And you know we're known for being paid fair prices whether you know what you have or not You guys that is Doug Coke's heaven He was lost in there for hours All right Coming up

some new trends with benefits and some beautiful blooms We'll be right back so spring has sprung and so has my need for brunch But if you want to make that Sunday gathering a little more special lifestyle expert Alison Day is here with every tip you need So I'm gonna first start with when it's spring You want your table to be colorful you want it to really pop add some flowers some pretty colors different tableware and you want to make it look fresh And for me before I even set the table my mind is thinking drinks me too Yes Ok We're on the same page So to start off I am putting out a selection of color cake M's newest selection called Signature Sweets And the wines are bright 5.5% alcohol by volume They feature juicy flavors with an effervescent and delightfully sweet finish And the collection includes four naturally flavored offerings So we've got sweet red watermelon peach and berry I'm going to say the sweet bread pears perfectly with like a sweet tart or definitely a bowl of fruit The watermelon pairs really well with items on the saltier side So maybe a cheese and charcuterie board or definitely maybe think of the savor out like you know spread on a bagel and in case any of the you know we've been drinking wine but most times a brunch definitely calls for mimosas So from Cupcake Vineyards celebratory collection you can go to cupcakev.com and they have all the recipes for bubbly drinks and mimosas but I created the Unbirthday mimosa So it's really festive and fun I mean it just kind of says it could be your birthday any day of the week any day of the year And this sparkler definitely says celebration They've also got one online called their uh Sunrise Mimosa And so while the first one uses their Moscato d'ot they the second one the Sunrise Mimosa uses their Prosecco and I'm telling you you have a sip of that mimosa and it puts you on island time in no time I'm a Prosecco girl So I'm all about that Exactly And they're so easy to create and they give all the recipes online Here's my big tip though When you're having friends over for brunch I always set up the food and drink on a brunch bar So make sure you always offer both sweet and savory options Like a charcuterie board I got my waffles with fruit That's really fabulous to pair with the drinks Um And then just get the compliments of being the hostess with the mostest Alison I love this You bring libations and a great spread and great tips for hosting an awesome brunch I love it Uh Toast to me Yes Toast to you Everyone Welcome back to scripted and in case you haven't heard trench coats are in big time and we know exactly where to find the coolest courtesy of Rebecca Cruz wife of everyone's favorite TV Cop Terry I'm thinking of that Nicki Minaj song right now if I could have this moment for life because I feel like I'm in a dream Hi I'm Rebecca Cruz

founder and creator of Rebecca Cruz Women's collection The Rebecca Cruz collection is simple elegant refined It's classic It's Timeless It's comfortable It's moderately expensive but it's worth it My favorite part of the line are the suits They're um tuxedos and also non tuxedo jackets and pants with blouses So in this initial collection I have four styles of blouses four styles of jackets four styles of pants and they're all either black white cream or a combination of those colors I love trench coats I have several they're very easy and basic and this is almost a one size kind of coat It's very oversized So a little woman a size six could wear it A woman who's like a 12 could wear the coat as well My producing partner has more experience in design than I do But I draw out what I want or I say make it like this but you know remove this make this shorter longer I just know what I want I was a little girl drawing clothing and drawing pretty ladies with beautiful dresses and cool flowers on their jeans and eventually fell in love with music and theater and other things But I always loved fashion and always wanted to do something with fashion The first attempt I made at making something uh as an adult was when we were doing family cruise and we redid our vows and I wanted to create something So I bought a really like \$99 dress from a store very popular bridal store that was just plain satin just a short dress And I spent a week hand beating the bodice of this dress and then flash forward This was maybe three years ago when Terry and I did our 30th anniversary and this this was really the birth of it I wanted to wear a tux to my anniversary So I hired a stylist We spent two days shopping all over L A and I could not find a tux for a woman So we bought three different pieces from three different you know popular designers And I pieced together this tuxedo looking suit And at that point I said darn it I need to start making clothes So I commissioned um someone to make me six suits black white cream all tuxedo some shirts just like mix and match And that award season I wore one to the Golden Globes I wore one to the Emmy Party I wore one to Gladys Knight's birthday and everywhere I went my actress friends were like where did you get that suit I was like it's my collection People have told me my whole life how fashionable I am And I'm like oh well yeah you know I love clothes My mama taught me how to wear a good pump but to manifest it I feel very fortunate I feel very blessed And that sacks came along and said yes we love it We'd love to have you I'm just can't believe I'm saying that out of my mouth right now Love her clothes All right Coming up a floral boutique in the heart of Las Financial District will be right back the weather is perfect It's a good day to be hanging out in the valet county fair This is the 1/100

anniversary of the fair How cool is that This is probably a combination of about three weeks all coming together most of it believe it or not gets put together in a week and the best part of the fair the ride this ride is called the Big Wheel I mean it's kind of the signature at the fair right Like you come you get on this thing you can see the entire fairground and it's massive guys I mean it has to be thousands and thousands of square footage of fun food and obviously rides We have 135 fair food stands over 1000 items You can walk this place all 17 days and not taste the same thing We have carnival rides we have carnival games everything you can experience from that aspect Fun fact I've been coming to the fair with my family since I was a little girl We love to get on rides and coasters and all that fun stuff in the Simpkins family You can do all the shopping you want shop till you drop We have e games for those electronic folks that want to play the games And we even have retro for the old people like me who want to play Hubert and Pac Man we have our concert series that runs the entire run a fair You have to buy tickets for we have war ZZ top lady A Ramona Yala We got the entire gamut of music Work up an appetite So I'm gonna go get some food See the animal And I've got to make sure I get a big thing of Kool Aid When I go over to Chicken Charlie's my name is Chicken Charlie and I'm the big chicken We have two locations one in front of the grandstands and one on Palm and Broadway There's some yummy stuff on this table Talk about some of the highlights I want to start with the pickle We have the Kool Aid chicken sandwich and I dunk the fried chicken breast in that Kool Aid sauce and we serve it with spicy pickles Um This is gonna be killer for this year These look like some frog leg for any of the frog leg connoisseurs out there These are the real deal This is bacon wrapped chicken legs wrap it with bacon and fry it Of course Oreos My first invention These deep fried Oreos Oh jeez This is my eyes are watering Oh my goodness The first time I took a bite of this my brain stopped working for about a second Oh my God This is my life This is what I do So I love people's reactions when they come up to the stand and they see what's new what's different What's wacky They get it We have farm animals We partner with Cal Poly Pomona They brought over 250 of their animals You can pet them You can experience a farm here in southern California at these fairgrounds I'm Craig Walters and I'm the director of Agar Escapes Outreach and the farm director at Cal Poly Pomona We're standing in the middle of the big red barn Big Red Barn traditionally is the number one attraction at the L A county fair We're standing right now in the petting zoo where people less than an hour are going to start coming in here They get to

mingle with the goats and the sheep We actually have a small captain here as well and they can buy cups of feed they can feed them spend time with them I made a new friend meet the newest member of the L A unscripted team guys in 2019 we had a total of 1.9 million people come through our gates and that's in a month So in seven this year we don't expect anything less Don't miss out all a county fair dot com We're celebrating 100 years Come be a part of that celebration and come kick us off into the new 100 years at the L A county fair Welcome back everyone to L A unscripted All right I wish you could smell this next story because Jasmine Simpkins uncovered a floral boutique in downtown L A That's beautiful black owned and bursting with arrangements for Mother's Day and more florals aren't the only thing in bloom here at Old Vine They've now expanded their business to fragrance Florals is a luxury floral boutique here in downtown L A We launched in 2017 online and we opened our storefront in 2018 We deliver anywhere in the greater Los Angeles area We do gifting so florals for birthdays sympathy arrangements but we also do events So we're not necessarily like a grab and go I wanted to be able to really design and make beautiful arrangements that will be long lasting and feel very celebratory Before I started ovine florals I was actually working in television I worked for the Oprah Winfrey Show in Chicago for over a decade and when the show ended in 2011 it was time for me to segue and I decided that I wanted to get into marketing So as a marketer I started working for a floral designer He was the in-house designer at the Four Seasons in Beverly Hills After a few years there I decided that I loved flowers Well congratulations on top of having this amazing floral business You've also just launched a fragrant Thank you Yes this is our old vine fragrance collection We have two candles and an parfum So this is called Meadow Bloom and you're gonna smell a little vanilla and that comes from the vanilla orchid and you can smell some gardenia It's sweet but not overpowering love it We came up with these scents ourselves and with Firman is one of the oldest scent makers in the world They're based out of France We really wanted to make sure that we made a really quality candle and a quality fragrance and I think it came out pretty good Now it's like you get our flowers in the form of a candle or in the form of our EVP and that feels really good I really do enjoy feeling like I am a Trailblazer in this floral industry Um As a lot of people know most big huge floral companies that are successful here in L A are owned by men I didn't start designing until I opened my own store as I watched other designers you know in my previous job I kind of got to see the little tricks of the trade but I really did

learn everything on my own just by trial and error I recommend making your arrangement is that it's 3 60 So wherever you're sitting wherever you you place it there's no front or back You can just see the beauty from all around and you see that took like minutes two seconds Yes I can't believe I did this but it's gorgeous and look I think it's I think it stands up quite nicely next to the professional and they have the coolest names for their arrangements too Thank you Jasmine That is all the time we have for tonight Thank you guys for hanging out with us We will see you next time