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Eating Saratoga Springs by Storm.

...For dinner, we went to the **Mouzon House** where the staff was just as charming as the atmosphere.

From the moment we stepped foot at this old, restored home, we felt the passion. When we learned that part of the staff was family, it all checked out. The bartender and three servers were siblings, the manager is their aunt and their mom was in the kitchen somewhere. Dad is the restaurateur that renovated parts of the venue with his own bare hands. It's a family affair and a "labor of love," said the manager.

The restaurateur's son took us for a quick tour around the restaurant -- we were curious -- to find that walls of the dining areas were graced by these beautiful murals painted by the girls of the family. They painted each other.

As for the food, everything was magnificent. From the crawfish beignets to the spicy sausage in the mixed grill entree, you can taste a little bit of Creole, which might've been inspired by the woman they purchased the property from. There's even a mural of her painted in one of the dining areas in the house. Our tour guide told us that when they finished restoration, they invited her back to show her what they had done to the house. Upon seeing the changes, she cried because she and her home were celebrated within the walls of this lovely restaurant that's more than an eatery, it is love.