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**Kasa Indian Restaurant,
San Francisco**

RECOMMENDED BY
*Jamie Lauren, Absinthe,
San Francisco*

Lauren, a contestant on Season 5 of Bravo's *Top Chef*, lives just around the corner from her favorite cheap restaurant, Kasa. She loves the homestyle Indian food, including a handful of curries and especially the *kathi* rolls—she calls them India's version of burritos. Lauren's favorite roll has a turkey-kebab filling made with ground free-range turkey flavored with garlic, then grilled, smashed and wrapped in buttery roti (pita-like bread). Even with raita and lemony salad on the side, it still costs less than \$5. 4001 18th St.; 415-621-6940.

*Green goddess
chicken salad, perfect
with Pinot Noir*

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