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NoVA'S TAKE ON THE  
STATE OF THE NATION

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## LEBANESE TAVERNA

FOOD: 7.8 • AMBIANCE: 7.7 • SERVICE: 7.2

**SS** Finding something you'll like at the Lebanese Taverna is typically far less challenging than narrowing down said discoveries to just a handful of favored mezze per person.

The family-run empire excels at piling multitudes of plates around each table, encouraging their most adventurous guests to sample freely and frequently rather than pushing pricey entrees. The low-pressure strategy appear to be a proven winner.

A twist on artichokes ushers forth semolina-dusted hearts — just enough breading to crisp the outer edges, while the balance of the herbaceous bud remain delectably tender — escorted by garlic-lemon- herb dipping sauce.

Seasoned lamb, vibrant mint, piquant onions and crunchy pine nuts all working in concert beneath the cover of marinated grape leaves.

Soothing saffron and arresting orange zest place a seafood-laden boullabaisse, loaded with chuby shrimp, calamari and succulent mahi mahi, squarely in the mediterranean column. • *Multiple NoVa locations; [www.lebanesetaverna.com](http://www.lebanesetaverna.com) • Open for lunch Monday through Saturday, dinner daily.*