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A Flagship Restaurant for Empire City Casino



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Inside of pinch, located at the Empire City Casino.

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Steakhouse? Diner? Brasserie? The flagship restaurant in Empire City Casino at Yonkers Racetrack, pinch, is all of the above. It's a big, airy second-floor space that seats 245 at tables and banquettes. Along one side of the wide-open kitchen is a glass-enclosed keg room, and a shiny red wall with 100 taps for draft beers. You can even fill your growlers. Ducasse Studio, Alain Ducasse's consulting company, is running it, and has turned over the helm to Fabienne Eymard, 34, who has been working for Mr. Ducasse in New York for more than five years, mainly at Benoit. "I've done gastronomic restaurants, bistros, and now I'm eager to try something else," she said. "I'm doing American classics in a huge steakhouse setting." Beer and French accents figure in several dishes. (Opens Wednesday): *Empire City Casino, 810 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers; (914) 457-2541; pinchusa.com.*