



Victor Albusu has over a decade of fine dining experience—ah, and he beat Bobby Flay with his signature steak and eggs.

BURBIAN INFLUENCES

Washington is pining for celebrity chef Victor Albusu's Taco Bamba experiment.

Let's give the Virginia suburbs some credit—they have good food.

While Albusu was busy gaining accolades for his meat-centric pan-American restaurant, **Del Campo**, (777 I St. NW, DC, 202.289.7377, delcampodc.com) he was also serving up a new inspired breed of taco at **Taco Bamba Taqueria** (multiple locations, tacobamba.com) in Vienna and Springfield. What began as a tiny takeout operation in a Falls Church strip mall near a neighborhood latin market owned by his mother, Rosa Susinski, began taking off and District foodies wanted a bite. Well, now you can save yourself a trip on 66 and get Taco Bamba's mix of traditional tacos and original creations at Del Campo—but only until the end of January. "I have been humbled by the extremely warm reception and loyal following," says Albusu. Will Washingtonians ever see a permanent Albusu-inspired taco mecca? He replies, "Before I take the plunge, I'm testing out the concept during weekday lunch at Del Campo." He says that they tailor each Taco Bamba location to its neighborhood and that by already having a kitchen downtown it gives him a chance to road test it in DC. If not, it'll be back to road tripping out to the burbs.