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**W**ith the Calgary Stampede riding into the sunset today, many Calgarians and visitors will be heading west for holidays.

We did the same thing a couple of weeks ago, driving out to Golden, B.C., and then meandering down Highways 95 and 93 through Invermere to Fernie. We followed Highway 3 back through the Crowsnest and then came back to Calgary up Highway 22.

Our goal was to check out some of the restaurants popping up in the new mountain village developments in B.C. Here's what we found.

**Corks, Copper Horse Lodge,  
Kicking Horse Mountain Resort,  
Golden, 1-877-544-7644**

The lovely, 10-room Copper Horse Lodge sits near the base of the ski hill at Kicking Horse.

In addition to the rooms, Copper Horse houses Corks, a restaurant with a dinner menu that includes a duck confit and frisee salad in a blueberry-maple vinaigrette (\$12), a cioppino packed with fresh seafood (\$25), 12-inch pizzas (\$18) and beef tenderloin with blue cheese and truffled potatoes (\$34).

Chef **Chris Thompson** does an excellent job of putting a contemporary spin on mountain cuisine and is assisted ably by sous chef **Nikki Chappelle**. Managing partners **Paul and Stacey Trudeau** run the lodge with skill, confidence and youthful exuberance.

Corks is open to the public for dinner daily, does not serve lunch and does breakfast for overnight guests.