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Nightlife: Brew and a view

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Crave

The scene: When this suburban powerhouse opened its downtown Minneapolis location in May, owner Kam Talebi said he wanted it to be a little bit "edgier." The pounding club music and packed rooftop is what he was talking about. During happy hour and dinner, Crave is an ideal spot for breezy, outdoor relaxing. Late-night, however, it's party time for the real housewives of Minnetonka.

Best seat: A corner table on the railing above 9th Street and Hennepin Avenue gives you views of the night sky plus the neon-lit theater district below.

Drink: If your group is big enough, order one of the rooftop's \$59 specialty pitchers (serves eight). The Prickly Pear is made from Sauza Gold tequila, fresh lime and pear puree.

Be warned: Talebi originally promoted this Crave as a restaurant first, raging-dance-club last. But if you're planning to nibble on the kitchen's great ahi tuna salad late at night, be prepared to chase it down with some pulsating beats.

Factoid: Crave is the rare Twin Cities restaurant with a full kitchen built onto its rooftop. Food is served until closing time (2 a.m. on weekends).

Go there: 825 Hennepin Av. S., Mpls. 612-332-1133. www.craveamerica.com.