

## SURFACING

## Shop by Shop, Paris Reclaims Porte de Bagnole

**A** NEIGHBORHOOD in Paris that has long been dismissed as seedy is slowly emerging from the shadow of the Père Lachaise. Situated at the east entrance of the famous cemetery, the Porte de Bagnole area is becoming what the French would describe as bobo (bohemian-bourgeois). Bagnole was originally a suburb of the French capital; when the city was enlarged in 1860, it became part of the 20th Arrondissement. Rue de Bagnole, the area's main hub of activity, was lined with shuttered shops until around 1999, when the first wave of development brought a contemporary bookshop, Le Merle Moqueur, and a club, La Flèche d'Or, now renowned. And after the sleek hotel Mama Shelter, designed by Philippe Starck, opened in 2008, a second wave of creative and independent businesses began to emerge.

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◀ **O MILLE ET UNE FÈVES**

2, rue Monte Cristo  
(33-1) 8306-6467  
omilleetunefeves.com

This artisanal chocolatier on a side street off Bagnole may be the neighborhood's best-kept secret. While Christine Dacquay tends to customers, Laurence Dali meticulously works every ounce of chocolate in the atelier in back (lollipops, 2.50 euros, \$3 at \$1.22 to the

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▲ **MÉLI MELLOW**  
55 bis, rue de Bagnole  
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Behind the counter at this small bistro-cum-diner, which opened in March, Nicolas Chapelier and Isabelle Deveaux rustle up American specialties like bagels (6.90 euros), pizzas (9.80 euros) and burgers

◀ **AU NOUVEAU NEZ**

163, rue de Bagnole  
(33-1) 4356-9455

In 2010, Agnès Baracco opened this wine shop as a contemporary and cozy oenological experience fueled by natural wines only. Cheese and wine tastings are held in the evenings.

▼ **LA BOTICA**

89, rue de Bagnole  
(33-1) 4372-0842  
labotica.fr

This laid-back boutique, opened in 2010 by the young fashion designers Cavadonga Antuña and Jérôme Lehideux, offers limited-edition jewelry, housewares and clothing from around the world.

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