

El Patrón Cantina

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5 competitor changes detected for El Patrón Cantina today. Two high-priority items warrant action this week.

 **ACTIONS TO TAKE TODAY (5)**

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HIGH PRIORITY


  **Casa Verde Cantina** HIGH  [INSTAGRAM](#)  [contact](#)

Happy hour expanded to 7 days — all margaritas \$5 from 3-7pm

 NEWS

Casa Verde extended happy hour to 7 days a week (was Tues-Thurs only). All margaritas \$5 from 3-7pm, all appetizers half-price. Posted on Instagram with 8.4K likes and several mentions of 'finally, weekend happy hour'. Direct hit on your Fri/Sat early-evening traffic.

→ **ACTION:** Don't mirror the price war. Counter with a "weekend brunch margarita flight" at full price — 3 small margaritas + tapas plate at \$24. Premium framing, better margin, distinct from Casa Verde's low-price pitch.

  **Plaza Real Tex-Mex** HIGH  [MAPS](#)  [contact](#)

Three 5-star reviews mention new chef — "completely transformed"

 NEWS

Plaza Real appears to have hired a new executive chef. Three 5-star reviews this week mention a new chef or that the food has completely transformed. One specifically calls out the brisket tacos as "the best in Dallas right now." If you offer a similar dish, expect increased comparison reviews.

→ **ACTION:** Have your chef create a "chef's special" brisket taco this month — photograph beautifully, promote on Instagram, request reviews. Compete directly on the dish category Plaza Real is now winning on.

MEDIUM PRIORITY

  **Lone Star Hacienda** MEDIUM  [EXAMPLE](#)  [contact](#)

Added private-event booking page targeting corporate dinners

 NEWS

Lone Star Hacienda launched a private-event booking page targeting corporate team dinners (\$45/pp minimum, 15-person minimum). Page includes 3 PDF menus, a venue tour video, and a "ask about our

chef's tasting menu" CTA. Likely a Q4 holiday-party push starting early.

→ **ACTION:** Build out your private-event offering before competitors lock in the corporate-holiday-party market. Reach out to 3 of your best repeat corporate diners this week — pre-book their December parties for free champagne toast.

  **Industry News** MEDIUM  EXAMPLE  [contact](#)

A major DFW food publication is preparing a "Best New Tacos 2026" feature

 NEWS

A senior food editor at a major DFW lifestyle publication signaled on social media that their "Best New Tacos 2026" feature is scheduled for publication Friday. Last year's feature drove 30-40% traffic spikes for featured restaurants over the following 6 weeks. Confirm whether you've been visited by their critic recently.

→ **ACTION:** Three things: 1) check a restaurant-reservation platform for unusual single-cover reservations in the last 30 days that might have been a critic; 2) ensure your taco menu photos on Yelp/Google are recent and great; 3) prep staff for a possible Friday-night spike.

LOW PRIORITY / FYI

  **Cinco Calles Tacos** LOW  DOORDASH  [contact](#)

Started selling al pastor tacos via delivery-app from a ghost kitchen

 NEWS

Cinco Calles launched a delivery-only ghost kitchen presence ("Cinco Calles Late Night") delivering al pastor tacos from 9pm-2am. Five locations in central Dallas. Indicates a low-cost expansion into late-night delivery without taking over physical real estate.

→ **ACTION:** Consider a late-night delivery-app menu of your top 5 items only — no need for a separate brand. Most restaurants leave \$2-4K/month on the table by closing the kitchen at 10pm.

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