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SMOKEY & THE BRISKET

Barbecued meats and sides from Smokey & the Brisket in La Mesa.

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Smokey & the Brisket, a new restaurant that mixes barbecue and Italian cuisine, opened in January 2021 in the former Lake Murray Cafe location. Chef/owner Alberto Morreale's barbecue specialties include the family-style Alabama Chicken, a 24-hour brined chicken, slow-roasted with the house Alabama white barbecue sauce. There's also the "Dino" Beef Rib, which is dry-rubbed and smoked. Sides include mac 'n' cheese and roasted garlic butter-cream mashed potatoes and cole slaw. There are also Italian-style flatbreads, salads and sides. *5465 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa. (619) 439-6544, smokeyandthebrisketsd.com (Kragen)*