

terms of convenience, price and the magic of comfort food, it's hard to beat a Burrito Boy bean and cheese burrito, especially on a cold, crappy Eugene day. (These burritos, they also make good hangover breakfasts, too. Honest.) And if you feel like splurging, there are even bigger options galore. We just can't tear ourselves away from the basics.

BEST MEXICAN/ LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN

1. **Red Agave**
2. **Chapala Mexican Restaurant**
3. **El Jarro Azul**

Red Agave is the first place one of us ever had a whole-leaf Caesar salad and a drink made out of fresh blended Roma tomatoes. It was love at first bite for her, and for much of Eugene; Red Agave was voted Best New Restaurant the first year it opened. Step into the chic, understated world of this Latin food oasis and find out why it has continued to tempt culinary connoisseurs back again and again with fresh, local ingredients, magnificent bar menu and crème de la crème service. Even the bathrooms make you feel like you are in a truly special place.

BEST THAI

1. **Sweet Basil Thai Cuisine**
2. **Ring of Fire**
3. **Ta Ra Rin**

BEST ASIAN (OTHER THAN THAI)

1. **Ring of Fire**
2. **Lotus Garden**
3. **Sakura**

BEST ITALIAN/GREEK/MIDDLE EASTERN

1. **Beppe & Gianni's Trattoria**
2. **Poppi's Anatolia**
3. **TIE: Ambrosia / Café Soriah**

BEST NEW RESTAURANT

1. **Davis' Restaurant**
2. **Evergreen Indian Cuisine**
3. **Asado Latin Bistro**

Much can be said about Davis' attempt to fit into its highly visible location on the corner of Olive and Broadway. Trying to

bring a dash of sophistication to a corner notorious for rowdy nighttime activity is a tall order, and Davis' manages to make it work, balancing plenty of elegant table seating for lunch and dinner, a full bar with an enticing cocktail menu, half-orders for those who want to focus on their drinks and — once the bewitching hour hits on the weekend — its transformation into a hot and sweaty fishbowl discotheque (though we worry about the beautiful wood floor taking so much abuse!). If they started showing cool movies in its banquet wing we'd never have a reason to leave. Seriously! We're also



Gianni & Beppe of
Beppe & Gianni's Trattoria

happy to see Corvallis export Evergreen Indian Cuisine in the runner-up spot, as their food is OMG! delish and, more importantly, reasonably priced. And rounding out the list is Asado, the latest venture from the owners of Red Agave and El Vaquero.

BEST PIZZA

1. **Pizza Research Institute**
2. **Mezza Luna Pizzeria**
3. **Pegasus Pizza**

BEST FOOD CART

1. **Cart de Frisco**
2. **Alexander's Great Falafel**
3. **Azure Ocean**

BEST BAR FOOD

1. **The Horsehead**
2. **Sam Bond's Garage**
3. **Diablo's Downtown Lounge**

We realize people probably vote for the Horsehead for best bar food because of the gumbo, the generously-sized meaty entrées, the so-hot-it-burns habanero-mayo catfish sammich. But we have two

BEST VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

1. **Laughing Planet Café**
2. **Café Yumm!**
3. **Lotus Garden**

BEST MEAL UNDER \$7

1. **Laughing Planet Café**
2. **Café Yumm!**
3. **Burrito Boy**

BEST SPECIAL OCCASION DINING

1. **Marché**
2. **Café Soriah**
3. **Beppe & Gianni's Trattoria**

When it's time for pristine white cloth napkins and crisp, well-designed menus, you head to Marché, the crown jewel in Stephanie Pearl Kimmel's ever-expanding (in a good way!) gourmet food mini-empire. With its open kitchen, floor-to-ceiling windows, talented cooks and bartenders and friendly waitstaff, Marché is the place to take your family — or the date on whom you want to make a good impression. If you're not quite up for a full meal, have a seat at the bar and try the charcuterie plate. Don't be afraid! That chicken liver paté is so rich it ought to win any (meat-eater) over. Got a promotion? New job? New degree? New dress you feel compelled to wear? Here's the dinner with which to celebrate.

BEST SERVICE

1. **Ring of Fire**
2. **Marché**
3. **Adam's Place**

Though you might receive the *best* best service if you're a gay man, service for the rest of us ain't too shabby either. Attentive servers who know the difference between green and red curry, a scratch and a chili margarita, tofu and tempeh — they keep our water glasses refilled, our table cleared of finished plates and our ears filled with suggestions for just one more tasty item from the kitchen. They're friendly and helpful, willing to talk but not chatty and full of the right kind of attention

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