



BEST DJ

1. **(tie) DJ food stamp and DJ RedFox**
2. **DJ Crown**
3. **DJ Connah J**

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BEST BAR

1. **Sam Bond's** 407 Blair Blvd. 431-6603. sambonds.com.
2. **Horsehead** 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154. horseheadbareugene.com.
3. **Cowfish** 62 W. Broadway. 683-6319.

Of course Sam Bond's, with its unique mix of eccentricity and comfort, would win two Best of Eugene awards. Whether it's bingo night, a slice of roasted garlic pizza or the Tuesday night open Bluegrass jam session, Eugene's communal garage is further proof that this is in fact where the best music starts — some of the finest bluegrass pickin' in town happens on the cozy stage. "I think we are constantly trying to evolve and keep things fresh," says Todd Davis, one of the bar's owners, "but at the same time do the things we've been doing for 19 years that have helped us be so successful."

BEST BAR GRUB

1. **Horsehead** 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154. horseheadbareugene.com.
2. **Jackalope** 453 Willamette St. 485-1519. jackalopelounge.com.
3. **Cornucopia** 295 W. 17th Ave., 485-2300; 207 E. 5th St., 485-2300. cornucopiaeugene.com.

Mmm, bacon cheese fries and nachos. Need we say more?

BEST BEERS ON TAP

1. **Bier Stein** 1591 Willamette St. 485-2437. thebierstein.com.
2. **Ninkasi** 272 Van Buren St. 344-2739. ninkasibrewing.com.
3. **Falling Sky** 1334 Oak Alley. 505-7096. fallingskybrewing.com.

BEST HAPPY HOUR/DRINK SPECIALS

1. **Starlight Lounge** 830 Olive St. 343-3204.
2. **Izumi Sushi & Grill** 2773 Shadow View Dr. 683-1201. izumisushieugene.com.
3. **The Vintage** 837 Lincoln St. 349-9181. thevintageeugene.com.

BEST PLACE TO DAYDRINK

1. **Horsehead** 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154. horseheadbareugene.com.
2. **Falling Sky** 1334 Oak Alley. 505-7096. fallingskybrewing.com.
3. **Bier Stein** 1591 Willamette St. 485-2437. thebierstein.com.

BEST COCKTAILS

1. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren St. 505-8804. izakayameiji.com.
2. **The Vintage** 837 Lincoln St. 349-9181. thevintageeugene.com.
3. **(tie) The Davis and Rye** 94 W. Broadway, 485-1124, davisrestaurant.com; 444 E. 3rd Ave., 653-8509, ryeon3rd.com.

Known for its wall of whiskeys and a laid-back atmosphere, Izakaya Meiji on Van Buren in the Whiteaker is one-of-a-kind in Eugene. The location is a perfect spot for a few after-work drinks, the most popular of which include the bourbon and ginger and the Meiji Mule (vodka, lime juice and black peppered ginger syrup and Shōchū). Dinner usually has a more "all-ages" crowd, but after 10 pm it starts to feel like a bar. And if you come Sunday, \$12 will get you a burger, brew and a shot of bourbon. "This is the best Manhattan that I've had in my life," says general manager Chad Kushuba. Don't miss out on Meiji's old fashioned, which is made two different ways: one, contemporary, with muddled wedges of lemon and orange, and the other has no fruit and just zest. New items include variations on a hot toddy, hot ciders and rye-and-ciders.



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