

Best New Restaurant

1. **Black Wolf Supper Club** 454 Willamette Street. 541-687-8226.
2. The Wheel Apizza Pub 390 Lincoln Street #101. 541-735-3860.
Thewheelapizzapub.com.
3. Party on Friendly 2757 Friendly Street. 541-683-2079.

I'm always on the lookout for more restaurants in Eugene with good ambiance. Far too many in town are either too brightly lit, too casual or on the other end of the spectrum, too fancy and bourgeois. I'm always looking for somewhere that's just casual enough that it feels homey, but just hip enough to feel good hanging out with a group of friends or a date. Black Wolf Supper Club hits that mark perfectly. Black Wolf, which lives in the building that housed the old Belly Taqueria, has the sort of ambiance that is likely too cool for Eugene, and I obviously mean that in the best way. The split-level spot has a variety of different seating, fun and eclectic artwork and, not to mention, delicious food and drink — which earns it the top spot in our Best New Restaurant category. Black Wolf serves up Cajun and Creole delights like biscuits and cornsticks with honey butter, Andouille and fried chicken wing gumbo, and blackened salmon and dirty rice. They also put their own Eugene spin on dishes like kimchi collard greens. They're usually also bumping hip hop or rap, which is a nice vacation from the smooth jazz, electro swing or indie mixes that fill a lot of Eugene restaurants. If you're looking for a new and unique spot to get your eat and drink on, this is a great one.

Also, big shout out to our runner-ups, The Wheel Apizza Pub, with a variety of extremely tasty sourdough pizzas, and Party on Friendly, a deli spot I frequent probably way more often than my sad bank account wants me to. — *Meerah Powell*

Best Restaurant

1. **Izakaya Meiji Company** 345 Van Buren Street.
541-505-8804. *Izakayameiji.com.*
2. Café Soriah 384 W. 13th Avenue. 541-342-4410.
Cafesoriah.com.
3. Marché 296 E. 5th Avenue. 541-342-3612.
Marcherestaurant.com.

Described as a Japanese tavern, Izakaya Meiji Company combines Japanese food with American westerns, churning out delicious meals and exotic cocktails. It has quickly become a local favorite since opening its doors in 2010, winning not one, not two, but three awards this year — Best Restaurant, Best Meal Over \$25 and Best Cocktails — and multiple other nominations. Boasting a long list of more than 100 whiskeys and house-curated cocktails, gaining them your votes as best cocktails in Eugene, there is guaranteed to be something for all liquor lovers at your table. The food menu is also extensive, featuring Japanese standards like *katsu* (fried pork cutlet) and *onigiri* (filled rice triangles) as well as more daring fare such as raw octopus and fermented squid gut. Don't worry: It also serves an incredible burger with fries. Whether you're going out for a dinner date, a fancy celebration or just a neat drink alone, Meiji has you covered until 1 am every night. — *Amber Cecil*

Best Sushi

1. **Nome** 541-654-4378. Currently closed.
2. Sushi PURE 296 E. 5th Avenue #220. 541-654-0608.
Pureeugene.com.
3. Sushi Domo 1020 Green Acres Road, 541-343-0935;
2835 Oak St., 541-484-7008. *Sushidomoeugene.com.*

Best Local Beer

1. **Ninkasi** 272 Van Buren Street. 541-344-2739.
Ninkasibrewing.com.
2. Oakshire 207 Madison Street. 541-654-5520.
Oakbrew.com.
3. Cold Fire 263 Mill Street. 541-636-3889.
Coldfirebrewing.com.

Best Kombucha

1. **Brew Dr. (Townshend's)** *Brewdrkombucha.com.*
2. Humm *Hummkombucha.com.*
3. Elevate Kombucha
Facebook.com/ElevateKombuchaEugene.

Best Meal Over \$25

1. **Izakaya Meiji** 345 Van Buren Street. 541-505-8804.
Izakayameiji.com.
2. Marché 296 E. 5th Avenue. 541-342-3612.
Marcherestaurant.com.
3. Café Soriah 384 W. 13th Avenue. 541-342-4410.
Cafesoriah.com.

Best Happy Hour:

1. **Cornucopia** 295 W. 17th Avenue. 541-485-2300. 207 E. 5th Avenue. 541-485-2676.
2. Izakaya Meiji 345 Van Buren Street. 541-505-8804.
Izakayameiji.com.
3. Starlight Lounge 830 Olive Street. 541-343-3204.
Starlightlounge.com.

Best Meal Under \$8

1. **Tacovore** 530 Blair Boulevard. 541-735-3518.
Tacovorepnw.com.
2. Café Yumm! 730 E. Broadway, 541-344-9866; 1801 Willamette, 541-686-9866; 130 Oakway Center; 541-465-9866. *Cafeyumm.com.*
3. Laughing Planet 760 Blair Boulevard, 541-868-0668; 2864 Willamette Street, 541-505-5399.
Laughingplanet.com.

Going to 'fess up here. Some of us never leave Tacovore paying less than \$8, so at first we were confused at the win. Ah, but wait. Meal. You Best of Eugene voters weren't factoring in the margaritas. Though, truth be told, the margaritas are a deal, too. And \$3 bean and cheese taco for the win. — *Camilla Mortensen*



PHOTO BY TODD COOPER