

Best BBQ

1. **Papa's Soul Food (The Memory)**
2. Bill & Tim's 201 E. 13th Avenue. 541-654-0578.
Westrauntconcepts.com/welcome-bill-and-tims
3. Hole in the Wall 3200 W. 11th Avenue. 541-683-7378.
Holeinthewallbbq.com.

Gone but not forgotten is how the old saying goes, but when it comes to Papa's Soul Food Kitchen and BBQ, the sentiment is alive and well. Death came twice to the beloved restaurant: First when Papa himself, Theodore "Ted" Lee, passed away in 2009 and again when the location closed its doors in 2017. Barbecue was still served by Lee's wife, Deb, after his passing, but after 15 years of amazing ribs, chicken and collards, she decided it was time. I frequented the house many times in its 15 years and loved it, as did many locals. Seeing that it was voted Best Barbecue for this year's Best Of, I was only surprised for a moment. I see this win as a memorial to an establishment of the community, a home for soul food where there was none, and an honor to Papa's memory. There may be other barbecue, but there will never be another Papa's. — *Amber Cecil*



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Best Bar

1. **Blairally Vintage Arcade** 245 Blair Boulevard. 541-683-1721.
2. Izakaya Meiji 345 Van Buren Street. 541-505-8804.
Izakayameiji.com.
3. Sam Bond's 407 Blair Boulevard. 541-431-6603.
Sambonds.com.

The nerds have had their revenge, as this year's winner for Best Bar is none other than Blairally Vintage Arcade, a pinball hall and bar located in the heart of the Whiteaker. Known for its classic pinball machines and Eugene Pinball Knights league tournaments, they also boast a wide range of drinks and events to get kids (allowed before 9 pm) and adults coming back for more. A local favorite is Church of the '80s, a Friday night dance party featuring all '80s music happening weekly. Heidi McVittie, an employee of Blairally, says they are super excited about the win. When asked if they had anything to say to their adoring community, she quickly responded, "Thank you. We love you. Keep coming in!" If you're in the Whit, make sure to stop by for a quick game (or two), get your dance on and have a couple drinks. — *Amber Cecil*

Best Chinese

1. **Twin Dragon** 919 River Road. 541-688-5481. Twin-dragon-restaurant.com.
2. Kung Fu Bistro 2560 Willamette Street. 541-968-9258.
3. Lotus Garden Vegetarian Restaurant 810 Charnelton Street. 541-344-1928. Lotusgardenveg.com.

Best Local Wine

1. **Sweet Cheeks Winery** 27007 Briggs Hill Road. 541-349-9463. Sweetcheekswinery.com.
2. King Estate Winery 80854 Territorial Highway. 541-685-5189. Kingestate.com.
3. Sarver Winery 25600 Mayola Lane. 541-935-2979.
Sarverwinery.com.

Best Ice Cream/Fro Yo

1. **Prince Pücklers** 1605 E. 19th Avenue. 541-344-4418.
Princepucklers.com.
2. I Scream for Waffles 1412 W. 7th Avenue. 541-729-1732. Iscreamforwaffles.com.
3. Coconut Bliss 725 W. 1st Avenue. 541-345-0020.
Coconutbliss.com.

Prince Pücklers is one of the only businesses in Eugene that can genuinely say, "Thanks, Obama." While campaigning for the Democratic nomination in 2008, he and Michelle stopped at Prince Pücklers for some ice cream. It's easily the best idea he's ever had. However, I would like to draw attention to his ice cream selection: Mint chip. You can tell a lot about a person and his ice cream selection, especially when Prince Pücklers has a long list of better selections. But I guess he was signaling to us that he would provide the country — and the world — with a fresh perspective after eight years of George W. Bush. When I treat myself to ice cream here, I go for a scoop of their Galaxy (chocolate malt ice cream with white and dark chocolate chips). After some soul searching, this probably reflects my deep-seated views that one day, space travel will unite the world. If President Donald Trump returns to Eugene, I'd love to have a scoop of ice cream with him and find out which flavor he eats. Of course, Trump would have to have two scoops — leaving everyone else with just one scoop. — *Henry Houston*



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Best Desserts

1. **Sweet Life Patisserie** 755 Monroe Street. 541-683-5676. Sweetlivedesserts.com.
2. Noisette Pastry Kitchen 200 W. Broadway. 541-654-5257. Noisettepk.com.
3. Market of Choice 67 W. 29th Avenue. 541-338-8455. 1960 Franklin Boulevard. 541-687-1188. 2580 Willakenzie Road. 541-345-3349. 1060 Green Acres Road. 541-344-1901. 922 NW Circle Boulevard, Corvallis. 541-758-8005. Marketof-choice.com.

Best Bakery

1. **Sweet Life Patisserie** 755 Monroe Street. 541-683-5676. Sweetlivedesserts.com.
2. Hideaway Bakery 3377 E. Amazon Drive. 541-868-1982. Hideawaybakery.com.
3. Noisette Pastry Kitchen 200 W. Broadway. 541-654-5257. Noisettepk.com