

and the Mexican sour cream is light and fluffy (add shredded chicken if you like).
5120 Woodway Dr., 713-963-8273
deccocafe.com

BEST MAC & CHEESE Kata Robata Sushi & Grill



When can you charge \$20 for Mac and Cheese? When it contains a half lobster, Parmesan, gouda and cheddar.
3600 Kirby Drive, 713-526-8858
katarobata.com

BEST PLACE FOR A RECEPTION The Historic Rice Ballroom

Located downtown in one of our city's true gems, the Rice Hotel, (now the Rice Lofts), the ballroom is still the place to host a reception. With beautiful frescos on the ceiling, crown molding, hardwood floors and a historic ambiance that takes you back to the turn of the century, you can't go wrong here. Perfect for corporate banquets, weddings and small business showcases.
909 Texas St., 713-224-5299
sambucacatering.com

BEST DATE NIGHT ON THE ISLAND 901 Postoffice

Contemporary fusion brought to you by Tony Gonzalez and Stephen Griffith, 901 Postoffice offers a wide selection of fish, poultry, beef and lamb served with the freshest ingredients; prepared in a tantalizing array of styles.
901 Postoffice St., Galveston
409-762-1111

BEST WINE CONCEPT Brasserie 19

Like Ibiza and Catalan, Brasserie 19 hosts a creative and expansive wine inventory priced just above retail. The wine list is presented in its entirety (more than 400 bottles) on iPads with custom-designed, searchable apps that include photos, tasting notes,

vineyard maps and winemaker videos in addition to pricing and availability.
1962 W. Gray, 713-524-1919
brasserie19.com

BEST SIDES Julia's Bistro

The creative menu at Julia's is accented by unique side dishes. Although it's not on the menu, a plate of five sides is the perfect meal; yucca, arepas and nopalitos are some of the offerings. The spinach catalan is the best spinach in town.
3722 Main St., 713-807-0090
juliastbistro.com

BEST POSOLE Farrago International Cuisine

In keeping with Farrago's international menu, Posole is a nod to Mexico. This hearty soup of pork and hominy is stout enough to be a meal.
318 Gray, 713-523-6404
farragohouston.com

BEST SOUP Aura



Aura has an amazing cream of corn soup by Chef Frédéric Perrier. It has a peppery kick at the end, and it is served beautifully in a coconut bowl.
Missouri City, Township Square
281-403-2872, aura-restaurant.com

BEST PLACE TO UNWIND Sonoma Retail Wine Bar & Restaurant

With an award-winning wine list, Sonoma is the place to relax after a long day with great food in a comfortable ambience. And you can feel refreshed with the local and seasonal menu!
2720 Richmond Ave., 713-526-9463
sonomahouston.com

BEST SALAD The Vicki at Japaneiro's Sushi Bistro & Latin Grill

The salads here are good. But, put them together, hold the onions and

you've got the best salad in town. It's called the Vicki, for those in the know. This non-menu item is always on the list of specials. Just ask.
2168 Texas Dr., 281-242-1121
japaneiro.com

BEST SWEET POTATO FRIES Phil's Texas Barbecue



Cousins Phil and Danae Stephenson slowly smoke the highest quality meats over low-fired hickory wood on Washington Ave. The biggest surprise here is the assortment of sides. Sweet potato fries are made-to-order and out of this world.
110 S. Heights Blvd., 713-862-7600
philstxbq.com

BEST SUNDAY EVENING DINING OPTION Giacomo's cibo e vino

Thank goodness! So many of our favorite eateries rest on Sunday, it's hard to know where to go. Giacomo's to the rescue. The brainchild of Lynnette Hawkins - you remember her from La Mora (and you still get La Mora bags for leftovers). "I had so many printed," she says. Her little Italian bites have big, big flavors.
3215 Westheimer Rd.
713-522-1934 giacomosciboevino.com

BEST SEE AND BE SEEN LOCATION Ava Kitchen & Whiskey Bar

This West Ave. hot spot has already become a see-and-be-seen place perfect, for after dinner drinks or dinner. The menu features small plates that are great for snacking and appetizers, as well as bigger plates