

OpenTable Reveals 100 Best Restaurants in America

Established Restaurants Dominate the List; New York, California, Pennsylvania, and Texas Restaurants Make Strongest Showing; Standout Cities Include New York City, Philadelphia, and Chicago

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- In celebration of another year of superb dining experiences, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), today unveiled the <u>100 Best Restaurants in America</u> for 2015. These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 20,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



The Top 10 Best Restaurants in America, in rank order, include:

- 1. St. Francis Winery & Vineyards Santa Rosa, California
- 2. Mama's Fish House Paia, Hawaii
- 3. Kai-Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort Chandler, Arizona
- 4. Halls Chophouse Charleston, South Carolina
- 5. Sushi Nakazawa-Sushi Bar New York, New York
- 6. <u>Blue Hill at Stone Barns</u> Pocantico Hills, New York
- 7. Acquerello San Francisco, California
- 8. <u>n/naka</u> Los Angeles, California
- 9. Daniel New York, New York
- 10. Vetri Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Like the list as a whole, the Top 10 Best Restaurants in America emphasizes revered restaurants that place a premium on striving for perfection, from <u>Mama's Fish House</u>, which opened its doors in 1973 to <u>n/naka</u>, which opened in 2011. Each honoree provides fare and hospitality that consistently earn rave reviews and attract repeat diners, even though the concepts are quite diverse, including the non-traditional dining experience that is the sublime food and wine pairing experience at <u>St.</u> <u>Francis Winery & Vineyards</u>. Its idyllic vineyard setting, six-course menu tailored to compliment specific wine vintages and

varietals, and unique value have helped St. Francis build quite a following and earn the number one spot for the second time in three years.

Highlighting restaurants with experienced chefs behind the burners, the complete list features honorees in 28 states and the District of Columbia and includes <u>Acquerello</u> in San Francisco, <u>Eleven Madison Park</u> in New York, and <u>Vedge</u> in Philadelphia. California and New York have 16 winning restaurants each, followed by Pennsylvania with 8, Texas with 5, and Arizona, Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Virginia with four apiece. Colorado, Florida, and Ohio boast three winners each, while Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington all have two. Idaho, Kansas, Maryland, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, and Washington, D.C. are also represented.

Established restaurants handily dominated the list; just three winners opened in the last year. Approximately a quarter of the eateries were established within the last five years, and many are more than 20 years old, with at least 14 having been in business in excess of 30 years, including perennial Manhattan favorite La Grenouille, which dates back to 1962. While American and French fare proved overwhelmingly popular, restaurants serving globally inspired fare also made their mark. Multi-course prix-fixe meals and chefs' tastings abound, with almost half offering either one or both. The vast majority identify as fine dining restaurants, offering dinner service only, with some even indicating a jacket or formal attire is required.

"Even as diners embrace a wide range of concepts from family-style meals to small plates, it's clear that fine dining and multicourse tasting menus continue to dazzle," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. "This year's winners are the restaurants that transcend fads, consistently put out delicious dishes, provide impeccable service, and pay attention to every detail to orchestrate one-of-a-kind experiences, time and again."

The list of the <u>100 Best Restaurants in America</u> is generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between November 1, 2014 and October 31, 2015. All restaurants with a minimum number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then sorted according to a score calculated from each restaurant's average rating in the "overall" category along with that restaurant's rating relative to others in the same metropolitan area and the average number of restaurants reviewed by diners who reviewed that restaurant.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the 100 Best Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at <u>http://www.opentable.com/m/best-restaurants-in-america-for-2015/</u>.

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Acquerello - San Francisco, California Addison Restaurant - San Diego, California Ambience - Los Altos, California Arethusa al Tavolo - Bantam, Connecticut Arroyo Vino - Santa Fe, New Mexico Artisanal Restaurant - Banner Elk, North Carolina Atera - New York, New York Auberge du Soleil - Rutherford, California Bacchanalia - Atlanta, Georgia barmini by José Andrés - Washington, D.C. Bavettes - Chicago, Illinois Benu - San Francisco, California Blue Hill at Stone Barns - Pocantico Hills, New York Boka - Chicago, Illinois Bones - Atlanta, Georgia Bouchard Restaurant and Inn - Newport, Rhode Island Bouley - New York, New York Café Juanita - Kirkland, Washington Café Monarch - Scottsdale, Arizona Café Provence - Prairie Villa, Kansas The Capital Grille - Lombard, Illinois The Capital Grille - Minneapolis, Minnesota Carlos' Bistro - Colorado Springs, Colorado Castagna Restaurant - Portland, Oregon The Cellars - Virginia Beach, Virginia Charleston - Baltimore, Marvland Chez Francois - Vermillion, Ohio Chez Nous French Restaurant - Humble, Texas Chimney Park - Windsor, Colorado Circle Brunch-The Breakers - Palm Beach, Florida

Clementines - Avon-By-The-Sea, New Jersey Collage Restaurant - St. Augustine, Florida Daniel - New York, New York Daniel-Lounge Seating - New York, New York Del Posto - New York, New York Eleven Madison Park - New York, New York Farmhouse Inn & Restaurant - Forestville, California Fearrington House Restaurant - Pittsboro, North Carolina Forage - Salt Lake City, Utah The French Laundry - Yountville, California The French Room - Dallas Texas Geronimo - Santa Fe, New Mexico Gramercy Tavern - New York, New York The Goodstone Inn & Estate Restaurant - Middleburg, Virginia Halls Chophouse - Charleston, South Carolina Hannas Prime Steak - Rancho Santa Margarita, California Jillian's - Palm Desert, California Joan's in the Park - Saint Paul, Minnesota Joseph Tambellini - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Kai - Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort - Chandler, Arizona King Umberto Restaurant - Elmont, New York KUSAKABE - San Francisco, California L'Auberge Chez François - Great Falls, Virginia La Folie - San Francisco, California La Grenouille - New York, New York La Mer at Halekulani - Honolulu, Hawaii Laurel - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Le Bernardin - New York, New York Le Cep - Fort Worth, Texas Les Nomades - Chicago, Illinois Mama's Fish House - Paia, Hawaii Marché Moderne - Costa Mesa, California McNinch House - Charlotte, North Carolina Michael's-South Point Casino - Las Vegas, Nevada Mistral - Sherman Oaks, California The Modern-Dining Room - New York, New York Montalcino Ristorante Italiano - Issaquah, Washington n/naka - Los Angeles, California Nicholas - Red Bank, New Jersey Norman's at the Ritz-Carlton - Orlando, Florida o ya - Boston, Massachusetts Orchids at Palm Court - Cincinnati, Ohio Per Se - New York, New York The Phoenician-Afternoon Tea - Scottsdale, Arizona Quince Restaurant - San Francisco, California Restaurant August - New Orleans, Louisiana Restaurant Lorena's - Maplewood, New Jersey Roe - Portland, Oregon Rudy & Paco Restaurant & Bar - Galveston, Texas Ruth's Chris Steak House - Baton Rouge, Louisiana Second Empire Restaurant and Tavern - Raleigh, North Carolina Sette - Bernardsville, New Jersey ShinBay - Scottsdale, Arizona Ski Tip Lodge - Keystone, Colorado Sonoma - Princeton, Massachusetts St. Francis Winery & Vineyards - Santa Rosa, California State & Lemp - Boise, Idaho Sushi Nakazawa-Sushi Bar - New York, New York Talula's Garden - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Thomas Henkelmann-Homestead Inn - Greenwich, Connecticut Trattoria L'incontro - Astoria, New York Truluck's Seafood, Steak and Crab House - Austin, Texas Umami - Chagrin Falls, Ohio Vedge - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Vernick Food & Drink - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

<u>Vetri</u> - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania <u>Volver</u> - Philadephia, Pennsylvania <u>Waypoint Seafood & Grill</u> - Williamsburg, Virginia <u>Yono's Restaurant</u> - Albany, New York <u>Zahav</u> - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Diners can also read more about the 100 Best Restaurants in America by visiting the OpenTable blog.

About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews

Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Only diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited to submit restaurant reviews. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 36 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

About OpenTable

OpenTable, part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 17 million diners per month via online bookings across more than 33,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated more than 940 million diners around the world. The Company is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and the OpenTable service is available throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, and the UK.

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