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OpenTable Diners Reveal the Top 50 Restaurants for Foodies in the U.S.

San Francisco Bay Area Features More Than A Dozen Foodie Havens; Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, New York and Seattle Also Earn Multiple Mentions

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- As restaurants around the country gear up for the bounty of fall and a busy dining season, [OpenTable, Inc.](http://www.opentable.com) (NASDAQ: OPEN; www.opentable.com), a leading provider of free, real-time online restaurant reservations for diners and reservation and guest management solutions for restaurants, is pleased to announce the Diners' Choice Awards for the top 50 restaurants that are "fit for foodies." The list of winners is derived from more than 10 million reviews submitted by OpenTable diners for more than 12,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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The San Francisco Bay Area, home to scores of innovative chefs, such as Daniel Patterson (Coi), Melissa Perello (Frances) and Thomas Keller (The French Laundry), made a strong showing, earning 13 places on the list. Chicago chefs Stefanie Izard and Graham Elliot helped the Windy City grab six awards, for second place. Meanwhile, New York City trailed with five wins, including Amanda Cohen's Dirt Candy. Seattle and the greater Boston area each boast five recipients, including a win for Boston's Barbara Lynch. Farther west, the Twin Cities scored a grand slam with four standout spots on the list: Hauteland, Heartland Restaurant and Piccolo. Arizona, Colorado, Philadelphia, Oregon and South Carolina, among others, are also represented.

"With great reviews from scores of foodies comes great responsibility, and these restaurants embrace that responsibility in powerful and creative ways," says Caroline Potter, OpenTable's Chief Dining Officer. "These restaurants have been singled out for being able to satisfy the folks for whom dining is practically sport -- those avid, passionate eaters, often armed with cameras who take careful notes and relish every bite. While the restaurants on this list specialize in different cuisines and styles of cooking, each winner is pushing a boundary, maintaining an ethic, and practicing perfection with each dish."

Based on feedback collected from OpenTable diners between September 2010 and August 2011, the following 50 restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, received the highest scores for Fit for Foodies from OpenTable diners. For more information about this list, please visit <http://www.opentable.com/foodies>.

[Abattoir](#) — Atlanta, Georgia
[Ad Hoc](#) — Yountville, California
[Aldea](#) — New York, New York
[Annisa](#) — New York, New York
[Bergamot](#) — Somerville, Massachusetts
[Bibou](#) — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
[Blackbird](#) — Chicago, Illinois
[Blue Hill](#) — New York, New York
[Bonsoiree](#) — Chicago, Illinois
[Camino](#) — Oakland, California
[Canteen](#) — San Francisco, California
[Cascina Spinasse](#) — Seattle, Washington
[Coi](#) — San Francisco, California
[Commis](#) — Oakland, California
[Commonwealth](#) — San Francisco, California
[Craigie on Main](#) — Cambridge, Massachusetts
[Dirt Candy](#) — New York, New York
[FIG](#) — Charleston, South Carolina
[Fond](#) — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
[Forage](#) — Salt Lake City, Utah
[Frances](#) — San Francisco, California
[Frasca Food and Wine](#) — Boulder, Colorado
[The French Laundry](#) — Napa, California
[Gather](#) — Berkeley, California
[Girl & The Goat](#) — Chicago, Illinois
[Graham Elliot](#) — Chicago, Illinois

[Hatfields](#) — Los Angeles, California
[Haute Dish](#) — Minneapolis, Minnesota
[Heartland Restaurant & Farm Direct Market](#) — Minneapolis, Minnesota
[Hungry Mother](#) — Cambridge, Massachusetts
[Local 127](#) — Cincinnati, Ohio
[Menton](#) — Boston, Massachusetts
[Mistral Kitchen](#) — Seattle, Washington
[noca](#) — Phoenix, Arizona
[o ya](#) — Boston, Massachusetts
[Osteria Mozza](#) — Los Angeles, California
[Park Kitchen](#) — Portland, Oregon
[Piccolo](#) — Minneapolis, Minnesota
[The Publican](#) — Chicago, Illinois
[Range](#) — San Francisco, California
[Saffron Restaurant & Lounge](#) — San Francisco, California
[Saison](#) — San Francisco, California
[Sprout](#) — Chicago, Illinois
[Spur Gastropub](#) — Seattle, Washington
[Staple & Fancy Mercantile](#) — Seattle, Washington
[The Tasting Kitchen](#) — Venice, California
[Tilth](#) — Seattle, Washington
[Ubuntu](#) — Napa, California
[wd-50](#) — New York, New York
[Wexler's](#) — San Francisco, California

Diners can also find additional information on the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top Foodie Restaurants in the U.S. by visiting the OpenTable "[Dining Check](#)" blog at <http://blog.opentable.com>.

About OpenTable Reviews

Originally launched in November 2008, the [OpenTable Reviews](#) program (<http://reviews.opentable.com>) helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited via email to submit restaurant feedback using an online form. Visitors to [OpenTable.com](#) can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 10 million reviews by verified diners, establishing [OpenTable.com](#) as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

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