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Backyard BBQs
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Juniper & Ivy's
Garden & Grain

**BEST
FILIPINO**

Readers' Pick
Tita's Kitchenette

Runner-up
Zarlito's

Critic's Pick
Tita's Kitchenette

**BEST
VEGETARIAN
SELECTION**

Readers' Pick
Royal India

Runner-up
Sipz

Critic's Pick
Punjabi Tandoor

**BEST
BARBEQUE**

Readers' Pick
Phil's BBQ

Runner-up
Abbey's Real
Texas Bar-B-Q

Critic's Pick
Yakitori Yakyudori

**BEST
STEAKHOUSE**

Readers' Pick
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse

Runner-up
Donovan's Steak &
Chop House

Critic's Pick
Cowboy Star Restaurant
and Butcher Shop

**BEST
SEAFOOD**

Readers' Pick
Pacific Beach Fish Shop

Runner-up
The Brigantine

Critic's Pick
Mitch's Seafood



DONUT BAR

BEST DONUT

Readers' Pick
Donut Bar

Runner-up
V.G. Donut & Bakery

Critic's Pick
Donut Bar

**BEST
BREAKFAST**

Readers' Pick
Snooze

Runner-up
Fig Tree Cafe

Critic's Pick
Tractor Room

BEST BRUNCH

Readers' Pick
Monello

Runner-up
Snooze

Critic's Pick
Café Chloe

Drinks

**BEST
WINE LIST**

Readers' Pick
Village Vino

Runner-up
Cucina Enoteca

Critic's Pick
Addison

**BEST
COCKTAILS**

Readers' Pick
Old Town Saloon and
Cocktails

Runner-up
West Coast Tavern

Critic's Pick
Craft &
Commerce



BEST COFFEE

Readers' Pick
Swell Cafe

Runner-up
Better Buzz

Critic's Pick
Caffé Calabria

**BEST
BREW PUB**

Readers' Pick
Stone World Bistro
& Gardens

Runner-up
Karl Strauss

Critic's Pick
Stone World Bistro &
Gardens

**BEST
WINE BAR**

Readers' Pick
Village Vino

Runner-up
Wine Steals

Critic's Pick
Village Vino

**BEST BEER
SELECTION**

Readers' Pick
Slater's 50/50

Runner-up
Hamilton's Tavern

Critic's Pick
Hamilton's Tavern

🐦 What's your all-time favorite San Diego meal? Tweet us @SanDiegoMag with the hashtag #BestRestos2014.



Brandon Matzek of Kitchen Konfidence
kitchenkonfidence.com

“**Urban Solace** has the equation for delicious locked down with their sizzling hot skillet of Duckaroni. Duck confit + creamy mac and cheese + bacon breadcrumbs = YUM.”

FOOD BLOGGER favorites

From fish tacos to focaccia, eight San Diego foodies share their favorite dishes around town.



Stephanie Weaver of Recipe Renovator
reciperenovator.com

“The grilled salmon tacos at **Rancho's Cocina** are healthy, savory, and satisfying. Plus they have the best mole sauce in town.”



Whitney Bond of Little Leopard Book
littleleopardbook.com

“The Oink at **Queenstown Public House** takes brunch to a whole new level. Scrumptious homemade jalapeño cornbread is topped with hoisin pulled pork, a poached egg, and garlic kale. The combination of flavors is unreal.”



Laura Bashar of Family Spice
familyspice.com

“My husband and I love the happy hour at **Coyote Bar & Grill** in Carlsbad. We always order their grilled artichoke with remoulade dipping sauce.”



Erin Jackson of Ejeats
ejeats.com

“The focaccia di Recco from **Davanti Enoteca** is like an Italian take on a quesadilla. I love it as a shared appetizer, but it can also do double-duty as dessert if you go heavy on the honeycomb.”



Chassie Bell of Forkin' Healthy
forkinhealthy.com

“The niçoise salad from **Urban Plates** is a staple for me! It features organic ingredients, wild-caught salmon, capers, and olives (my favorite!), and the dressing is perfection.”



Jennifer Lee of Kirbie's Cravings
kirbi cravings.com

“**Pacific Beach Fish Shop's** fish tacos are made with fresh fish brought in daily. It's marinated with the restaurant's famous seasoning, an addictive blend of flavors.”



Puja and Steve Thomas-Patel of Indiaphile
indiaphile.info

“**Surati Farsan** is the place to go for Indian street food. Their chole samosa is sweet and spicy and so delicious.”