



Live Life Juice Co.

## Local Winery — Regional

**FIRST Place: New Clairvaux Vineyard**  
26240 7th St., Vina, 839-2200

The winery/vineyard within the Vina monastery celebrated the recent harvest with the annual Blessing of the Grapes ceremony in July, and New Clairvaux also is celebrating the success of its wines. Between its own portfolio and the collection of its sister line, Aimée Wines, a dozen varieties have received a score of 90 or more in competitions. A box with the whole dozen is now available for purchase.

**SECOND Place: Almendra Winery & Distillery**  
925 Midway, Durham, 343-6893

**THIRD Place: LaRocca Vineyards**  
12360 Doe Mill Road, Forest Ranch, 899-9463

## Locally Produced Food — Regional

**FIRST Place: Live Life Juice Co.**

220 Broadway, 566-3346; 2279 Springfield Drive, Ste. 150, 809-2635

Freshly squeezed, 100 percent organic, in-season

fruit and vegetable juices: the recipe for success in Chico. Live Life is available at local farmers' markets, online and at two local shops—including a new location at Meriam Park.

**SECOND Place: GRUB CSA Farm**  
11630 Dairy Road, 680-4543

**THIRD Place: Chico Chai**  
1919 Park Ave., 897-0822

## Lunch

**FIRST Place: Tea Bar & Fusion Cafe**

Two locations: 250 Vallombrosa Ave., 895-8100; 555 Flying V St., Ste. 1, 809-1545

Both Chico locations of Tea Bar (also in Sacramento and Redding) are regularly packed for lunch by folks who want hearty, healthful meals, which the menu of wraps and bowls provides. Oh, and there's tea! Lots of teas!

**SECOND Place: Broadway Heights**  
300 Broadway, 899-8075

**THIRD Place: Spiteri's Deli**  
971 East Ave., 891-4797

## Mexican Cuisine

**FIRST Place: El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant**

2201 Pillsbury Road, Ste. 124, 893-3777

El Guayacan is the place for sit-down Mexican food in North Chico. Nestled in the heart of the Almond Orchard shopping center, its relaxed vibe and big plates of nearly every classic dish available have online reviewers raving: "We have tried about everything on the menu and it is all delicious! Our go to: chicken enchiladas with beans and rice. You cannot go wrong!"

**SECOND Place: La Hacienda**  
2635 Esplanade, 893-8270

**THIRD Place: Aca Taco**  
Two locations: 133 Broadway, 894-0191; 1000 W. Sacramento Ave., Ste. D, 343-0909

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