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# Best place to gorge on cheese; Best wine list

Chances are if you're a local cheese devotee you already know about this Midtown gem. The Rind doesn't just specialize in cheese, it also excels in all things cheese-adjacent. That means, not surprisingly, a stellar wine list, too, with expert servers who can help you make the best pairing. In addition to this eatery's extensive array of cheese boards and sandwiches (the latter category includes delectable options such as the Peaches & Chevre, which features chevre paired with peaches, tomato and basil, all served on a hearty brioche bread), you can choose from soups, salads and, of course, mac'n'cheese. There are also tasty side options, including dried fruits and nuts. The wine list is impressive with plenty of acidic whites and deeply robust reds. The selections are categorized under headings such as "Substantial and Decadent Wines" and "Flirtatious Reds," but if you're not sure which blend best compliments that plate of deliciously stinky blue cheese or mellow triple cream brie, just ask. 1801 L St., Unit 40; (916) 441-7463; therindsacramento.com. Rachel Leibrock

# Best baked goods

1. FREEPORT BAKERY

2966 Freeport Blvd.; (916) 442-4256; freeportbakery.com

2. ETTORE'S EUROPEAN BAKERY AND RESTAURANT 2376 Fair Oaks Blvd.; (916) 482-0708; ettores.com

3. PUSHKIN'S BAKERY 1820 29th St.; (916) 376-7752; pushkinsbakery.com

# Best barbecue

1. URBAN ROOTS BREWING & <u>Smokehouse</u>

1322 V St.; (916) 706-3741; urbanrootsbrewing.com

**<u>2. TANK HOUSE BBO AND BAR</u>** 1925 J St.; (916) 431–7199;

tankhousebbq.com
3. SOUTH

2005 11th St.; (916) 382-9722; weheartfriedchicken.com

#### Best bartender

1. BARON STELLING, Shady lady saloon

1409 R St.; (916) 231-9121; shadyladybar.com 2. KARINA MARTINEZ, THE SNUG 1800 15th St.; snugca.com

**3. ART RODRIGUEZ,** <u>OLD IRONSIDES</u> 1901 10th St.; (916) 443-9751;

theoldironsides.com

## Best brain freeze

1. GUNTHER'S ICE CREAM

2801 Franklin Blvd.; (916) 457-6646; gunthersicecream.com

2. LEATHERBY'S FAMILY CREAMERY 2333 Arden Way; (916) 920-8382; leatherbys.net

3. VIC'S ICE CREAM 3199 Riverside Blvd.; (916) 448-0892; vicsicecream.com

# Best breakfast Elk Grove

1. THE WAFFLE EXPERIENCE

4391 Gateway Park Blvd., Suite 650; (916) 285-0562; thewaffleexperience.com

## 2. STAGECOACH RESTAURANT

8713 Elk Grove Blvd.; (916) 685-7803;

# 3. Sarom's Southern <u>Kitchen</u>

1901 El Camino Ave.; (916) 571-5355; saromssouthernkitchen.com

#### Best breakfast Placer County

1. FOUR SISTERS CAFE

9050 Fairway Drive, Suite 165, Roseville; (916) 797-0770; foursisterscafe.com

<u>2. zocalo</u>

1801 Capitol Ave.; (916) 441-0303; zocalosacramento.com

3. PEG'S GLORIFIED HAM AND EGGS

1950 Douglas Blvd., Roseville; (916) 782-2400; eatatpegs.com

## Best breakfast Sac

**1. BACON & BUTTER** 5913 Broadway: (916) 346-4445:

baconandbuttersac.com

2. TOWER CAFE 1518 Broadway; (916) 441-0222; towercafe.com

## 3. ORPHAN BREAKFAST HOUSE

3440 C St.; (916) 442-7370; orphanbreakfast.com

## Best breakfast Yolo County

1. PUTAH CREEK CAFE

1 Main St., Winters; (530) 795-2682; putahcreekcafe.com

2. SERRANO'S CAFE

3021 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento; (916) 376-0860

# <u>3. THE ELEPHANT SHACK</u>

39492 Kentucky Ave., Wooland; (530) 666-2266; facebook.com/ TheElephantShack

