

LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

READERS CHOICE AWARDS

BEST RESTAURANTS



2015

La Jolla's Top Picks of 2015

When it comes to food (and, indeed, eating it), La Jolla is one of the most vibrant areas of the city. Whether you're searching for fine dining or a bite on the go, our community has it. From sumptuous seafood to delectable desserts, from gourmet gastronomic delights to international cuisine, you'll find it here in our seaside village. We sport some of the finest culinary creations from some of the world's most highly regarded chefs, who build inspired menus from resources just miles away — from our ocean and our fertile farmlands — and create some of the best local fare to be had.

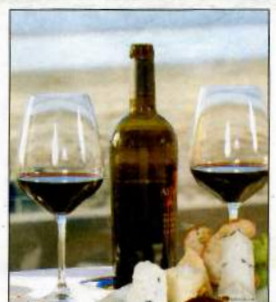
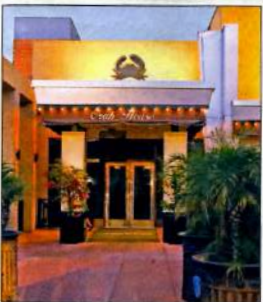
Our readers have lent their dining expertise in vetting the best of the best in La Jolla. This list may not include every single eatery in our community — there are simply too many to name — but it does include those that, according to our readers, are so notable that recognition was necessary. Locals have taken the time to let us

know where the best dining experiences can be had in La Jolla, and we listened. We tallied the votes over several months and highlighted those that go above and beyond to make our community the gourmet haven that it is.

La Jolla Village News thanks the readers who took the time to speak out about which dining establishments they think deserve to be singled out, and we would especially like to thank the winners who work so hard to hone their craft.

Use this list to revisit an old favorite or perhaps try somewhere new that's getting rave reviews. And when you happen upon one of those top-notch restaurants proudly displaying its Readers Choice Award, take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate what they do.

— Martin Jones Westlin
Editor, La Jolla Village News



Congratulations to the following businesses who were chosen by the readers of the *La Jolla Village News*.

Readers were asked to cast ballots for their favorite choices. This was no simple task! With more than 50 categories, our readers came through with overwhelming response. We wish to thank all the readers who took the time to recognize these businesses that do so much to make La Jolla, Bird Rock and University City such wonderful communities.

OVERALL RESTAURANT
OVERALL SERVICE
NEW RESTAURANT
AMERICAN
APPETIZER
ATMOSPHERE
ASIAN FUSION
BAKERY
BAR
BBQ
CAFE
CATERING
COFFEE SHOP
BEST COMFORT FOOD
BEST CHEF
BEER SELECTION
BREAKFAST
BURRITO
BURGER
CHINESE
DELI
DESSERTS
DINNER
FAMILY RESTAURANT
FISH TACO
FISH & CHIPS
FRENCH
FAST FOOD MEXICAN
GELATO
GREEK
HAPPY HOUR
HEALTHY DINING
ICE CREAM
INDIAN
ITALIAN
LATE NIGHT EATERY
LIVE MUSIC
LUNCH

TRULUCK'S
TRULUCK'S
DRAFT REPUBLIC
WHISKNLADLE
THE HAKE
NINE-TEN
ROPPONGI
GIRARD GOURMET
PROSPECT BAR & GRILL
BUBBA'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ
THE LIVING ROOM
GUISEPPE CATERING
BIRD ROCK COFFEE ROASTERS
THE SPOT
RYAN JOHNSTON - WHISKNLADLE
KARL STRAUSS BREWING CO.
THE COTTAGE
PORKYLAND / DON CARLOS
BURGER LOUNGE
CHINA CHEF
GIRARD GOURMET
MICHELE COULON DESSERTIER
TRULUCK'S
SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA
WAHOO'S / RUBIO'S
CODY'S
TAPANADE
DON CARLOS
GELATERIA FRIZZANTE
APOLONIA GREEK BISTRO
TRULUCK'S
LEAN & GREEN CAFE
COLD STONE
TANDOORI HUT
LUPU'S CAFE / CAFE MILANO
THE SPOT
BEAUMONT'S
LEAN & GREEN CAFE

HERRINGBONE
HERRINGBONE / PREPKITCHEN
RICHARD WALKER'S / EL PESCADOR
THE SPOT / BEAUMONT'S
ROPPONGI / ROY'S
EDDIE V'S / OSTERIA ROMANTICA
ROY'S
FRENCH GOURMET
LA JOLLA BREWING COMPANY

LEAN & GREEN / BIRD ROCK COFFEE
GIRARD GOURMET
HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP / BRICK N' BELL
BURGER LOUNGE
FRANCOIS GOEDHUY'S - GIRARD GOURMET
LA JOLLA BREWING COMPANY
HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP / RICHARD WALKER'S
RUBIO'S
SMASHBURGER / THE SPOT
MANDARINE HOUSE
SANDWICH CLUB
GIRARD GOURMET
THE HAKE / GEORGE'S AT THE COVE
APOLONIA GREEK BISTRO
BIRD ROCK SUSHI & OYSTER BAR
HENNESSEY'S
THE FRENCH GOURMET
RUBIO'S / THE TACO STAND

MARKETPLACE GRILLE / DAPHINE'S
ROPPONGI
SEASONS 52
HAGEN DAZ
TASTE OF THE HIMALAYAS
PIATT
THE LIVING ROOM / T.G.I.F.
PROSPECT BAR & GRILL
APOLONIA GREEK BISTRO / THE COTTAGE

ROPPONGI
NINE-TEN
BIRD ROCK OYSTER & SUSHI BAR / SHORETHING
SEASONS 52
APOLONIA
HERRINGBONE
PF CHANG'S
MICHELE COULON DESSERTIER
HERRINGBONE

BRICK N' BELL
ABBEY CATERING
THE PANNIKIN
BUBBA'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ
TREY FOSHEE - GEORGE'S AT THE COVE
THE PUBLIC HOUSE LA JOLLA / DRAFT REPUBLIC
BROCKTON VILLA
JOSE'S COURTROOM
EUREKA

ELIJAH'S
FRENCH GOURMET
WHISKNLADLE
HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP
BAHIA DON BRAVO

THE PORKYLAND

BARLYANFIG
ROY'S
TRILOGY SANCTUARY
BASKIN ROBBINS

OSTERIA ROMANTICA
SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA
SEASONS 52

MARTINI
MEDITERRANEAN
MEXICAN
BEST OCEAN VIEW
ORGANIC
OMELETTE
PATIO DINING
PASTRY
PHO
PLACE TO GO ON A BUDGET
PLACE FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY
PLACE TO PEOPLE WATCH
PET FRIENDLY RESTAURANT
PIZZA
MOST ROMANTIC
SALAD BAR
SALAD
SANDWICH
SEAFOOD
SPORTS BAR
STEAK
SUNDAY BRUNCH
SUSHI
TAKE-OUT
THAI
VEGETARIAN
WINGS
WINE BAR
WINE SELECTION
WINE SHOP
FROZEN YOGURT

DONOVAN'S
APOLONIA GREEK BISTRO
ALFONSO'S / PUESTO
THE MARINE ROOM
LEAN & GREEN
RICHARD WALKER'S
SEASONS 52 / PIATTI
FRENCH GOURMET
PHO UTC & GRILL
RUBIO'S
SAMMY'S WOODFIRED PIZZA
THE LIVING ROOM
LUPU'S
PIZZA ON PEARL
THE MARINE ROOM
WHOLE FOODS
LEAN & GREEN CAFE
GIRARD GOURMET
TRULUCK'S / EL PESCADOR
LA JOLLA BREWING COMPANY
DONOVAN'S
THE COTTAGE
SUSHI ON THE ROCK
CHINA CHEF
CHEDI THAI
LEAN & GREEN CAFE
HENNESSEY'S
WE OLIVE
DONOVAN'S
BEV-MO
FROGLANDERS

MARKETPLACE GRILLE
JOSE'S COURTROOM
EDDIE V'S / GEORGE'S AT THE COVE
TRILOGY SANCTUARY
HARRY'S COFFEE SHOP / THE COTTAGE
BURGER LOUNGE
MICHELE COULON DESSERTIER
PHO LA JOLLA
DON CARLOS
OSTERIA ROMANTICA / ROY'S
BURGER LOUNGE
BEAUMONT'S
AMICI / PIZZA PRONTO
EDDIE V'S / OSTERIA ROMANTICA

GIRARD GOURMET / SAMMY'S PIZZA
JERSEY MIKES / SANDWICH CLUB
MARINE ROOM
PROSPECT BAR & GRILL
EDDIE V'S
THE SHORES / WHISKNLADLE
ROPPONGI / AHI SUSHI
LEAN AND GREEN
SPICE & RICE / ARIO CAFE
VEGGIE GRILL
PROSPECT BAR & GRILL
FINCH'S BISTRO
TRULUCK'S / FLEMINGS
WE OLIVE
YOGI TOPI

AMERDEEN CAFE
SU CASA
CRAB CATCHER

BROCKTON VILLA
TRILOGY SANCTUARY
GIRARD GOURMET

BURGER LOUNGE
T.G.I.F.
BIRD ROCK COFFEE ROASTER
COME ON IN
SAMMY'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA
GEORGE'S AT THE COVE

LA SHORE MARKET
CRAB CATCHER
THE SHACK
FLEMING'S / MANHATTAN
BEAUMONT'S
BIRD ROCK OYSTER & SUSHI BAR
PIZZA ON PEARL
STAR ANISE
TRILOGY SANCTUARY
KARL STRAUSS BREWING CO.
NINE-TEN
WHISKNLADLE
WINE TIME
FORBIDDEN YOGURT

Best Overall Restaurant

Truluck's

Truluck's is an escape — a getaway for the senses. Savor the freshest crab, direct from the restaurant's own fisheries. Truluck's boasts: "From our traps to your table in less than 24 hours." Enjoy the fresh-catch seafood menu or select tender, juicy steaks grilled to perfection. Then complement it all with delicious wines by the glass and bottle. Come early and enjoy Truluck's cocktail hour from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and enjoy the special priced appetizers and drink menu.
Truluck's at UTC Avenine
8990 University Center Lane
(858) 453-2583
trulucks.com



Best Restaurant Service

Truluck's

(See listing under Best Overall)



Best New Restaurant
Draft Republic

Located in La Jolla, across from UTC, Draft Republic is an American gastro pub offering a casual, friendly atmosphere and innovative cuisine. Draft Republic features a beer centric menu including favorites such as their Housemade Sausage Sampler, House Smoked Pulled Pork and the Draft Republic Burger. Guests can enjoy over 36 craft beers on tap plus housemade keg cocktails. Challenge friends to a round of ping pong, billiards, shuffle board or foosball. Don't miss out on the food, fun and brews

Draft Republic
4282 Esplanade Ct.
(858) 450-1400
www.draftrepublic.com



Best American
Whisknadle

(See entry under Best Chef)



Best Appetizer
The Hake Kitchen & Bar

With a farm-to-table approach to its fare, The Hake offers a global menu — but just as the appetizers tell a large part of a restaurant's tale, so too does this eatery heed the call. Sautéed pepper and onions, calamari and shrimp and farm salad with artichoke hearts are just a few of the appetizers that eat like meals (one couple recently said they'd shared four appies between them and were almost too full to enjoy the main course). All this, a lively bar and San Diego's biggest selection of Mezcal — tough to beat.

The Hake Kitchen & Bar
1250 Prospect St., No. B10
(858) 454-1637
thehake.com



Best Asian/Fusion
Roppongi Restaurant & Sushi Bar

Roppongi offers the rare opportunity to sample new Asian cuisine and choose from a variety of sushi rolls in a chic atmosphere where professionals are known to cluster. Chef Stephen Window offers meals far beyond the standard fare, like the miso-glazed Japanese eggplant and crispy buttermilk onion rings with wasabi garlic aioli sauce. Popular for its generous happy hour portions, Roppongi is the very definition of umami: the Japanese word for savory.

Roppongi Restaurant & Sushi Bar
875 Prospect St.
(858) 551-5252
roppongiusa.com



Best Atmosphere
Nine-Ten Restaurant and Bar

Led by Chef Jason Knibb, San Diego's 2014 Chef of the Year, NINE-TEN Restaurant's Evolving California Cuisine features the best of the harvest from local artisan farmers where produce is selected daily. Lunch and dinner are served daily and Brunch every Sunday in the main dining room, sidewalk patio or back terrace with glimpses of the ocean.

Nine-Ten Restaurant & Bar
910 Prospect St.
(858) 964-5400
nineten.com



Best BBQ
Bubba's Smoke House BBQ

In April of 2009, Jeffrey Nicoletta, a Navy veteran turned restaurateur, and Ali Nicoletta, with heaps of hands-on experience, opened Bubba's Smokehouse BBQ. Six years later, Bubba's mouth-watering, lip-smacking, falling-off-the-bone ribs are a smoking success! This family-friendly restaurant serves up Southern-style ribs, pork, tri-tip, brisket and chicken with lots of delicious home-style side orders. For those wanting lighter fare, Bubba's offers hearty salads for a more healthful alternative. Southern BBQ? There's Bubba's, and then there's all the others.

Bubba's Smokehouse BBQ
888 Prospect St.
(858) 551-4227
bubbassmokehousebbq



Best Bakery
Girard Gourmet

Girard Gourmet is going on its seventh century in La Jolla, so you know it has the experience factor in hand. It cooks and bakes in the European tradition and grows many of its fruits and vegetables in