



2011 Best RESTAURANTS readers' choice

Note: These results were tabulated from official ballots that were at least 50 per cent complete when submitted to us. There is neither editorial nor advertising influence on these results.

Unless otherwise stated:
Central = Kelowna **North** = Vernon **South** = Penticton



readers' choice



Best of the Best

- Central**
 1 Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen
 2 RauDZ Regional Table
 3 Bouchons Bistro

- North**
 1 Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
 2 The Phoenix Steakhouse
 3 Tita's Italian Bistro

- South**
 1 Bogner's of Penticton
 2 La Casa Ouzeria
 3 Hooded Merganser

Best Chef

- Central**
 1 Rod Butters – RauDZ Regional Table
 2 Dominique Couton – Bouchons Bistro
 3 Ricardo Scebba – Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen

- North**
 1 Yuki Takeuchi – Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
 2 Neil Todd – The Brown Derby Café (Armstrong)
 3 Ross Derrick – PeakFine at Sparkling Hill

- South**
 1 Claudio Valentini – Valentini's Cafe
 2 Roger Gillispie – Victoria Road Bistro (Summerland)
 3 Darin Paterson – Bogner's of Penticton

Best Caterer

- Central**
 1 Bohemian Café
 2 Guisachan House
 3 The Chef in Stead

- North**
 1 Gumtree Catering
 2 The Other Company (Armstrong)
 3 Big Steve's Catering

- South**
 1 Joy Road Catering
 2 Valentini's Cafe
 3 Good Omens (Summerland)

Best Decor / Ambiance / Atmosphere

- Central**
 1 Joey's Global Grille
 2 RauDZ Regional Table
 3 Chop Steakhouse & Bar

- North**
 1 The Phoenix Steakhouse
 2 BX Creek Bar & Grille
 3 Intermezzo

- South**
 1 Bogner's of Penticton
 2 Dream Café

- 3 Amante Bistro
 3 La Casa Ouzeria

Best Restaurant with a View

- Central**
 1 Grapevine Restaurant (Lake Country)
 2 Old Vines Restaurant (West Kelowna)
 2 Sunset Organic Bistro
 3 Earl's Restaurant
 3 Wild Apple Restaurant & Lounge

- North**
 1 Alexander's Beach Pub
 2 PeakFine at Sparkling Hill
 3 The Brown Derby Café (Armstrong)

- South**
 1 Hooded Merganser
 2 Lost Moose Lodge
 3 The Patio at Nk'Mip (Osoyoos)
 3 Salty's Beach House

Best Romantic Dining

- Central**
 1 La Bussola
 2 Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen
 3 Eldorado Dining Room
 3 The Yellowhouse

- North**
 1 The Phoenix Steakhouse
 2 Ora Restaurant
 3 Tita's Italian Bistro

- South**
 1 Amante Bistro
 2 La Casa Ouzeria
 2 Zia's Stonehouse Restaurant (Summerland)
 3 Dream Café
 3 Villa Rosa Ristorante Italiano

Best Patio Dining

- Central**
 1 Grapevine Restaurant (Lake Country)
 2 Eldorado Dining Room
 3 Old Vines Restaurant (West Kelowna)

- North**
 1 Alexander's Beach Pub
 2 The Brown Derby Café (Armstrong)
 3 Predator Ridge

- South**
 1 Hooded Merganser
 2 Earl's Restaurant
 3 Bufflehead Pasta & Tapas Room

Best Place for a Dinner Date

- Central**
 1 RauDZ Regional Table
 2 Earl's Restaurant
 2 Joey's Global Grille
 3 La Bussola

North

- 1 Checkers Bar & Grille
 2 The Phoenix Steakhouse
 3 Tita's Italian Bistro

South

- 1 Amante Bistro
 2 Villa Rosa Ristorante Italiano
 3 China Palace

Best Service

Central

- 1 RauDZ Regional Table
 2 The Fixx
 3 Earl's Restaurant

North

- 1 Italian Kitchen
 2 Eclectic Med
 3 Hungry Jack's (Enderby)

South

- 1 Theo's Restaurant
 2 Cozy Bay Seafood Café (Summerland)
 3 La Casa Ouzeria

Best Local Red Wine

Central

- 1 Pinot Noir – Quails Gate
 2 Merlot – Mission Hill
 3 Merlot – Ex Nihilo

South

- 1 Cabernet Franc – Burrowing Owl
 1 Cabernet Franc – Hester Creek
 2 Merlot – Le Frenz
 3 Meritage – Red Rooster

Best Local White Wine

Central

- 1 Riesling – Ex Nihilo
 2 Reserve Chardonnay – Quails Gate
 3 Pinot Gris – Gray Monk

South

- 1 Sauvignon Blanc – Le Frenz
 2 Chardonnay – SeeYa Later Ranch
 2 Chardonnay – Nk'Mip Cellars
 3 Pinot Blanc – Lake Breeze
 3 Pinot Gris – Wild Goose

Best Wine List

Central

- 1 Waterfront Restaurant & Wine Bar
 2 La Bussola
 3 Bouchons Bistro
 3 Cabana Bar & Grille
 3 The Vintage Room

North

- 2 Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
 3 Eclectic Med
 3 PeakFine at Sparkling Hill

South

- 1 Cobblestone (Naramata)

OPENING PAGE (CW): LOCAL LOUNGE BISTRO AND FIREHALL BISTRO (DANIEL HAYDUK); BOHEMIAN CAFE, LAKE COUNTRY COFFEE HOUSE AND WILD APPLE RESTAURANT (LYDIA ROSS); LOCAL LOUNGE BISTRO (DANIEL HAYDUK). THIS PAGE PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

readers' choice

- 2 Local Lounge & Grille (Summerland)
- 3 Passa Tempo (Osoyoos)

Best Winery Restaurant

Central

- 1 Old Vines Restaurant (West Kelowna)
- 2 Grapevine Restaurant (Lake Country)
- 3 Sunset Organic Bistro

South

- 1 The Patio at Lake Breeze (Naramata)
- 2 Hillside Estate Winery & Bistro
- 3 The Sonora Room (Oliver)

Best Breakfast

Central

- 1 The Jammery (Lake Country)
- 2 De Dutch Pannekoek House
- 3 White Spot

North

- 1 Friesen's Countrytyme Gardens
- 2 The Brown Derby Café (Armstrong)
- 3 Denny's
- 3 Waddy's

South

- 1 Valentini's Cafe
- 2 Denny's
- 3 County Café (Summerland)
- 3 Over Easy

Best Sunday Brunch

Central

- 1 Eldorado Dining Room
- 2 The Grand Bay Cafe
- 3 The Vintage Room

North

- 1 Friesen's Countrytyme Gardens
- 2 Ora Restaurant
- 3 Sevens Bar & Grille

South

- 1 Dream Café
- 2 Pasta Factory
- 3 Hooded Merganser

Best Lunch Spot

Central

- 1 The Yellowhouse
- 2 Le Plateau Bistro
- 3 Kelsey's
- 3 White Spot

North

- 1 Crush Bistro
- 1 The Grey Dog Café
- 2 Checkers Bar & Grille
- 3 Little Tex Restaurant

South

- 1 Pasta Factory
- 2 Amante Bistro
- 3 Wheatgrass Cafe

Best Buffet

Central

- 1 Ruby Family Restaurant
- 2 Winfield Chinese Restaurant (Lake Country)
- 3 Mama Panda's

North

- 1 Royal Garden Restaurant
- 2 Sevens Bar & Grille
- 3 Friesen's Countrytyme Gardens

South

- 1 Oliver Gardens (Oliver)
- 2 China Palace

Best Casual Restaurant / Bistro

Central

- 1 Minstrel Café
- 2 Le Plateau Bistro
- 3 Blind Angler Grille (Peachland)

North

- 1 Crush Bistro
- 2 Mahoroba
- 3 Little Tex

South

- 1 The Bench Market
- 2 Good Omens (Summerland)
- 3 Sage and Vines Bistro

Best Family Restaurant

Central

- 1 Boston Pizza
 - 2 White Spot
 - 3 Red Robin
- #### North
- 1 Denny's
 - 2 Boston Pizza
 - 3 K.T.'s Heritage Restaurant

South

- 1 Boston Pizza
- 2 Firehall Bistro (Oliver)
- 3 Over Easy

Best Takeout

Central

- 1 Bordello's
- 2 Wok Out
- 3 Jimmy Ho's

North

- 1 The Rice Box
- 2 3208 Restaurant
- 3 Apple Lane

South

- 1 Oliver Gardens (Oliver)
- 2 Chinese Laundry
- 3 Isshin Sushi Bar

Best Late Night Bite after 10PM

Central

- 1 Boston Pizza

- 2 Doc Willoughby's Pub
- 2 Kelly O'Bryan's
- 3 Cabana Bar & Grille

North

- 1 Boston Pizza
- 2 Kelly O'Bryan's
- 3 Checkers Bar & Grille

South

- 1 Denny's
- 2 Barley Mill Brew Pub & Bistro
- 3 Elite Restaurant

Best Sports Bar

Central

- 1 Sturgeon Hall
- 2 Dakota's Sports Bar & Grille
- 2 Tonics Pub
- 3 Dave's Sports Bar

North

- 1 Roster Sports Club
- 2 Kal Sports Bar
- 3 Monashee's Bar & Grille

South

- 1 Best Damn Sports Bar
- 2 Boston Pizza
- 3 Barley Mill Brew Pub & Bistro

Best Pub

Central

- 1 Pheasant & Quail Pub
- 2 Doc Willoughby's
- 3 Brandt's Creek
- 3 Friends Neighbourhood Pub

North

- 1 Sir Winston's
- 2 Squires Four Public House
- 3 Checkers Bar & Grille

South

- 1 Barley Mill Brew Pub & Bistro
- 2 Kettle Valley Station Pub
- 3 Copper Mug

Best Asian Fusion

Central

- 1 Boa-Thong Thai Restaurant
- 2 Mon-Thong Thai Restaurant
- 3 Mekong Restaurant

North

- 1 Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
- 2 Boa-Thong Thai Restaurant
- 3 Edo Japan

South

- 1 Iyara Thai Restaurant
- 2 Lee's Overseas Delights
- 3 Oliver Gardens (Oliver)

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Best European

Central

- 1 Bouchons Bistro
- 2 Gasthaus on the Lake (Peachland)
- 3 Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen

North

- 1 Eclectic Med
- 2 Hubert's Restaurant (Lumby)
- 2 Intermezzo
- 3 Royal Knight

South

- 1 Bogner's of Penticton
- 2 Il Vecchio Delicatessen
- 3 Passa Tempo (Osoyoos)

Best Greek

Central

- 1 Yamas Taverna
- 2 Olympia Greek Taverna
- 3 Greek House Restaurant (Lake Country)

North

- 1 Dorian's Taverna
- 2 Niko's Taverna
- 3 Papa's Greek Restaurant (Armstrong)

South

- 1 Theo's Restaurant
- 2 Zia's Stonehouse Restaurant (Summerland)
- 3 Mykonos Pizza & Spaghetti House

Best Indian

Central

- 1 Dawett
- 2 Poppadoms
- 3 Da Tandoor

North

- 1 New Delhi
- 2 The Curry Pot
- 3 The Palace

South

- 1 Best of India (Oliver)
- 2 Navratan
- 3 Haveli

Best Italian

Central

- 1 Mamma Rosa
- 2 La Bussola



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3 La Cucina Pasteria
(West Kelowna)

North

- 1 Italian Kitchen
- 2 Tita's Italian Bistro
- 3 Intermezzo

South

- 1 Villa Rosa Ristorante Italiano
- 2 La Casa Ouzeria
- 3 Campo Marina (Osoyoos)

Best Japanese

Central

- 1 Momo Sushi
- 2 Maui Sushi-Izakaya
- 3 Ozeki

North

- 1 Mahoroba
- 1 J-Don Japanese Donburi
- 2 Temptasian
- 3 Bento Sushi

South

- 1 Ginza Sushi
- 2 Isshin Sushi Bar
- 3 Tokyo Japanese Restaurant

Best Mexican/ Southwest Cuisine

Central

- 1 Hector's Casa
- 2 Fernando's Taqueria
- 3 DJ's Mexican Restaurant

North

- 1 Little Tex
- 2 Los Huesos (Enderby)
- 3 Lorenzo's Cafe

South

- 1 Vallarta Grille
- 2 Taco Time
- 3 Shades on Main

Best Appies / Tapas

Central

- 1 Waterfront Restaurant
& Wine Bar
- 2 Rotten Grape
- 3 Cactus Club Cafe

North

- 1 Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
- 2 Crush Bistro
- 3 Monashee's Bar & Grille
- 3 Squires Four Public House

South

- 1 Buffleheads Tapas Room
- 1 The Vanilla Pod
(Summerland)
- 2 La Casa Ouzeria
- 3 Local Lounge & Grille
- 3 Villa Rosa Ristorante Italiano

Best Burger

Central

- 1 Gorgeous George's
- 2 White Spot
- 3 Earl's Restaurant

North

- 1 Kal Sports Bar
- 2 Earl's Restaurant
- 3 Hungry Jack's (Enderby)

South

- 1 Burger 55
- 2 Earl's Restaurant
- 3 Salty's Beach House

Best Fish & Chips

Central

- 1 Shady Rest
- 2 Hooked on Seafood
- 3 Joey's Only Seafood

North

- 1 C-Lovers
- 2 Joey's Only Seafood
- 3 Fisherman Direct Seafood (Enderby)

South

- 1 Joey's Only Seafood
- 2 Cozy Bay Seafood Cafe
(Summerland)
- 3 Buy the Sea

Best French Fries

Central

- 1 Bunkhouse Bar & Grille
- 2 New York Fries
- 3 Gorgeous George's

North

- 1 McDonald's
- 2 Squires Four
Public House
- 3 Wendy's

South

- 1 Jeffers Fryzz
- 2 Earl's Restaurant
- 3 Cozy Bay Seafood Cafe
(Summerland)

Best Pizza

Central

- 1 Bordello's
- 2 Boston Pizza
- 3 East Side Mario's

North

- 1 Jim's Place
- 2 Boston Pizza
- 2 Margherita Pizza
- 3 JJ's Pizza Plus (Enderby)

South

- 1 Boston Pizza
- 2 Mykonos
- 3 Pizza 97 (Osoyoos)

Best Salad

Central

- 1 Joey's Global Grille
- 2 Il Mercato (West Kelowna)
- 3 Wild Apple Restaurant & Lounge

North

- 1 Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
- 2 The Brown Derby Café (Armstrong)
- 3 Little Tex Restaurant

South

- 1 Earl's Restaurant
- 2 Hooded Merganser
- 3 Valentini's Cafe

Best Sandwich / Wrap / Panini

Central

- 1 Okanagan Street Food
- 2 Bike Shop Café
- 2 L'Isola Bella Bistro (Lake Country)
- 2 Wrap Zone
- 3 The Bread Company

North

- 1 Wrap Zone
- 2 Subway
- 3 Helmut's Sausage Kitchen

South

- 1 Cantaloupe Annie's (Oliver)
- 2 Valentini's Cafe
- 3 Good Omens (Summerland)

Best Seafood

Central

- 1 Christopher's Steak & Seafood
- 2 Codfather's Seafood Market
- 3 The Keg Steakhouse

North

- 1 Eclectic Med
- 2 Joey's Only Seafood
- 3 C-Lovers

South

- 1 Salty's Beach House
- 2 Cozy Bay Seafood Café
(Summerland)
- 3 Isshin Sushi Bar
- 3 Joey's Only Seafood

Best Soup

Central

- 1 Bike Shop Café
- 2 Mad Mango
- 3 Woodfire Bakery



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North

- 1 Crush Bistro
- 2 Cracked Pot
- 3 Pho Fusion
- 3 Sprouted Fig

South

- 1 Valentini's Cafe
- 2 Good Omens (Summerland)
- 3 Medici's Gelateria (Oliver)
- 3 Wheatgrass Cafe

Best Steak

Central

- 1 Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen
- 2 The Keg Steakhouse
- 3 Chop Steakhouse & Bar
- 3 Ric's Grille
- 3 19 Okanagan Bar & Grille (West Kelowna)

North

- 1 The Phoenix Steakhouse
- 2 Bamboo Beach Fusion Grille
- 3 Earl's Restaurant

South

- 1 Black Iron Grille
- 2 Diamond Steak & Seafood House (Osoyoos)
- 3 Cobblestone (Naramata)

Best Vegetarian

Central

- 1 Dawett
- 2 Wild Apple Restaurant & Lounge
- 3 Poppadoms Taste India



North

- 1 Checkers Bar & Grille
- 1 Intermezzo
- 2 Crush Bistro
- 3 Hungry Jack's (Enderby)
- 3 New Delhi

South

- 1 Dream Café
- 2 Lee's Overseas Delights
- 3 Zia's Stonehouse Restaurant (Summerland)

Best Veggie Burger

Central

- 1 Cactus Club Café
- 2 Milestone's Restaurant
- 3 Gorgeous George's

North

- 1 Intermezzo
- 2 Hungry Jack's (Enderby)
- 3 Little Tex Restaurant

South

- 1 Burger 55
- 2 Best Damn Sports Bar
- 3 Cobblestone (Naramata)

Best Dessert

Central

- 1 Bouchons Bistro
- 2 Bliss Bakery (Peachland)
- 3 RauDZ Regional Table

North

- 1 Sweet Caroline's Bakery
- 2 Chickie Cupcakes
- 3 Dairy Queen

South

- 1 Zia's Stonehouse Restaurant (Summerland)
- 2 Wouda's Bakery
- 3 Amante Bistro

Best Ice Cream / Gelato / Frozen Yogurt

Central

- 1 Marble Slab Creamery
- 1 Moo-Lix Ice Cream
- 2 Annegret's Chocolates
- 3 Sweet Cravings

North

- 1 Marble Slab Creamery
- 2 Cold Stone Creamery
- 3 Dairy Queen

South

- 1 Tickleberry's (Okanagan Falls)
- 2 Medici's Gelateria (Oliver)
- 3 Osoyoos Gelato (Osoyoos)

Best Bakery

Central

- 1 Fezziwig's Artisan Bakery
- 2 The Bread Company
- 3 Tripke Bakery
- 3 COBS Bakery

North

- 1 Sweet Caroline's Bakery
- 2 Country Bakery (Armstrong)
- 3 COBS Bread

South

- 1 Oliver Bakery (Oliver)
- 1 Wouda's Bakery
- 2 Just Pies
- 3 Cake Box (Summerland)

Best Place to Buy Fruits & Veggies

Central

- 1 Quality Greens
- 2 Choices Market
- 3 Paul's Produce

North

- 1 Quality Greens
- 2 Farmers' Market
- 3 Askew's Foods (Armstrong)
- 3 Swan Lake Nursery

South

- 1 Roots and Fruits (Kaleden)
- 2 Quality Greens
- 3 Bears Fruit Stand (Keremeos)

Best Specialty Meat Shop

Central

- 1 T-Bones Fresh Meat Market
- 2 Illichmann's Meats
- 3 Johnny's Fresh Meats & Deli (Peachland)

North

- 1 Vernon Butcher Shop
- 2 Helmut's Sausage Kitchen
- 3 Grillers Meats

South

- 1 Tony's Meats & Deli
- 2 Paradise Meats (Summerland)

Best Natural / Health Food Store

Central

- 1 Nature's Fare Market
- 2 Choices Market
- 3 Natural Resources

North

- 1 Nature's Fare Market
- 2 Simply Delicious
- 3 Anna's Vitamins Plus

South

- 1 Whole Foods Market
- 2 RowanBerry Health Products (Oliver)
- 3 Vitamin King

Best Coffee House

Central

- 1 Blenz Coffee
- 2 Starbuck's
- 3 Bean Scene
- 3 Lake Country Coffee House (Lake Country)

North

- 1 Bean Scene
- 2 Bean to Cup
- 3 Talkin' Donkey

South

- 1 Bellevue Café
- 2 Cantaloupe Annie's (Oliver)
- 3 Good Omens (Summerland)

Best Place for a Cup of Tea

Central

- 1 Marmalade Cat Café
- 2 Blenz Coffee
- 3 Bean Scene
- 3 ChaiBaba

North

- 1 Bean Scene
- 2 Tea Desire
- 3 Hungry Jack's (Enderby)

South

- 1 Time for Tea
- 2 Tea & Weaves
- 3 Cantaloupe Annie's (Oliver)

Best Cocktails

Central

- 1 Joey's Global Grille
- 2 Ricardo's Mediterranean Kitchen
- 3 Cabana Bar & Grille
- 3 Rose's Waterfront Pub

North

- 1 Checkers Bar & Grille
- 2 The Phoenix Steakhouse
- 3 Alexander's Beach Pub
- 3 Monashee's Bar & Grille

South

- 1 Barking Parrot
- 2 Blue Mule
- 3 Salty's Beach House

Best Shuswap Eatery

- 1 Billabong Pub (Sorrento)
- 1 Table 23 (Salmon Arm)
- 2 Moose Mulligan's (Sicamous)
- 3 Home Restaurant (Salmon Arm) ■