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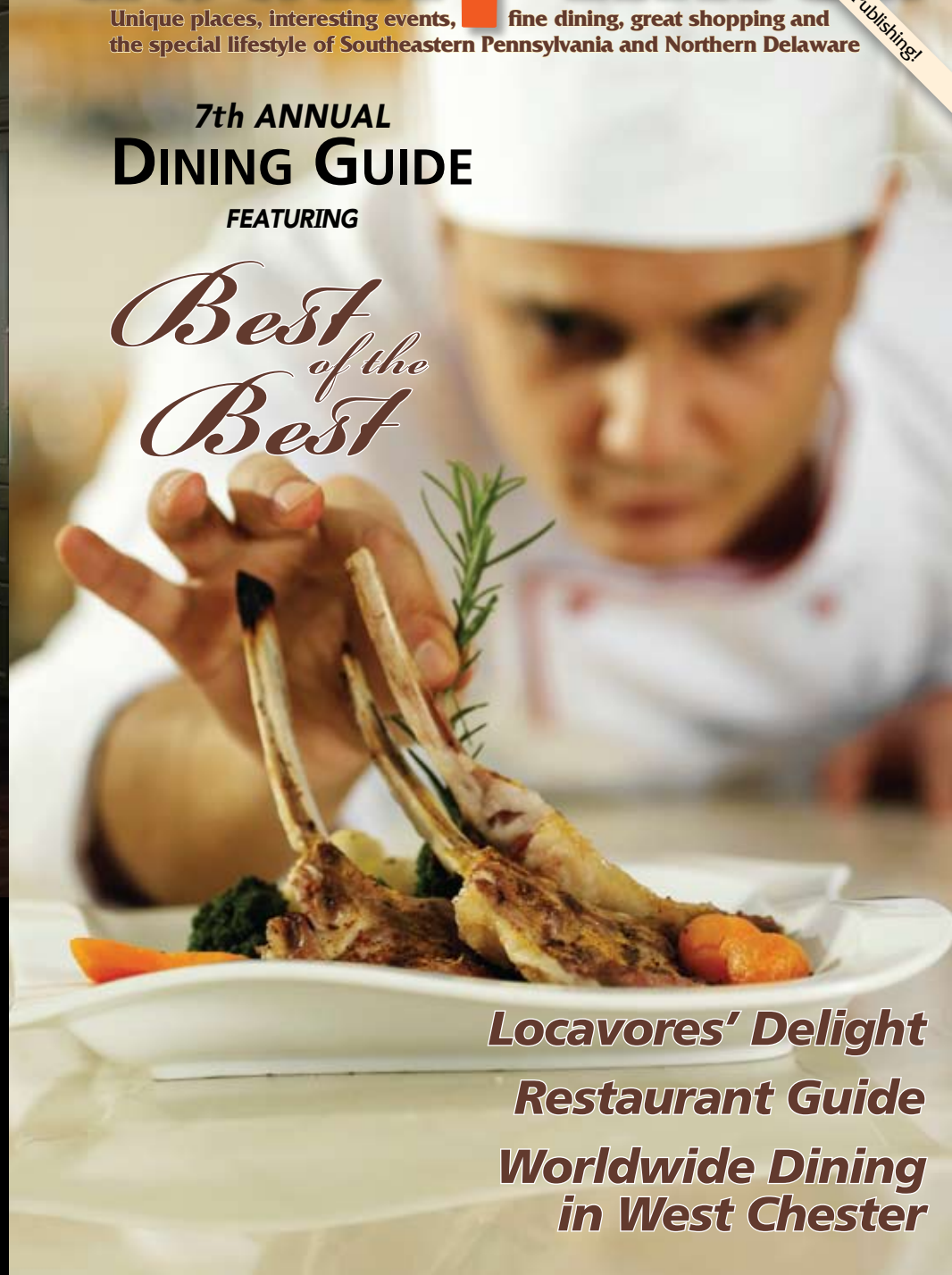
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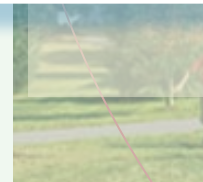
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Welcome to our **7th Annual Dining Guide** featuring “The Best of the Best” – our selection of almost 100 of the best area restaurants. We share our list of the Best Newcomers, Best Chef’s Tables, Best Bistros and much more. Let us be your guide to great dining throughout the year.

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We hope you enjoy this celebration of unique local flavors from passionate, creative chefs, and we hope you’ll dine locally and often!



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### DuPont Theatre Presents "The Aluminum Show"

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### The Lemon Ball – Alex's Lemonade Stand

January 15

Annual "Yellow Tie" gala featuring cocktails, dinner, raffles, silent and live auctions and entertainment. Benefits Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Loews Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia. 6 to midnight. \$250. New this year is a Lemon Lite ticket, \$125/person, \$200/couple, offering dessert, dancing and open bar, 10 p.m. to midnight. 866-333-1213; Alexs-Lemonade.org.



### 15th Annual Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability Exhibition and Sale

Through January 16

An international, juried exhibition and sale of works created by artists with disabilities. This year's Art Ability features more than 400 artistic works, including paintings, sculpture, photography, jewelry, stained glass and more. Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, 414 Paoli Pike, Malvern. Daily 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Free. 484-595-6071; MainLineHealth.org.



### 4th Annual Robert Burns Memorial Whisky Tasting

January 28

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# JANUARY EVENTS

## Noteworthy This Month

### JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 26

**Hedgerow Theatre Children's Series — "The Snow Queen."** Children in the audience will help Gerda rescue best friend, Kai, in a lively musical retelling of the classic fairy tale. 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. Saturdays, 11 am. "Meet The Cast" parties follow each performance. \$9-\$11. 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

### JANUARY 13-FEBRUARY 6

**People's Light & Theatre Family Discovery Series Presents "Kidnapped!"** An adaptation of the Robert Louis Stevenson novel with lots of high adventure. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Thurs-Sat, 7; Sat-Sun, 2. \$24-\$35. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

### JANUARY 15-23

**The Philadelphia Home Show.** Discover what's new in home remodeling, decor and more and meet over 500 experts and experience thousands of products and services. Highlights for this year's show include: celebrities from HGTV; The Marketplace; The Green Zone featuring new earth-friendly products and services; The Coffee Cafe. The Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th & Arch Sts., Philadelphia. Fri-Sat, 10 to 9; Sun, 10 to 6; Mon, 10 to 7; Tues-Thurs, 4 to 9. \$3-\$13. 888-254-0882; PhillyHomeShow.com.

### JANUARY 23, 30, FEBRUARY 1

**Chesco Pops Concerts:** Titled "Love is in the Air," the program features Broadway love songs by George and Ira Gershwin, Frank Loesser and Rodgers and Hammerstein and will be held at three locations: **Jan. 23**, Downingtown High School West, 445 Manor Ave., Downingtown, 3 pm; **Jan. 30**, Oxford Area High School, 705 Waterway Rd., Oxford, 3 pm; **Feb. 1**, Fugett Middle School, 500 Ellis La., West Chester, 7:30 pm. \$5-\$10. 610-701-5701; ChesCoPops.org.

### JANUARY 29

**VFES 3rd Annual "Special Kids" Camp Expo.** This expo showcases recreational and educational summer programs and educates parents about the options available to their children with learning differences and/or special needs during the summer months. Hosted by Valley Forge Educational Services and held at their Activities Center, 1777 N. Valley Rd., Malvern. 1 to 4. Snow date, Feb. 5. 610-296-6725; SummerMatters.org.

## Art Shows & Exhibits

### ONGOING

**Chester County Art Association.** A nonprofit, cultural organization promoting participation in the arts through instruction, exhibitions and community outreach. 100 N. Bradford Ave., West Chester. 610-696-5600; ChesCoArt.org.

### THROUGH JANUARY 16

**Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital's Art Ability Exhibition.** See "Of Special Note."

## Crafts

### THROUGH JANUARY 22

**Wayne Art Center Craft Forms 2010 - 16th National Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Craft.** One of the leading contemporary craft exhibitions in the country and a favored showcase for the work of the nation's most talented craft artists. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 10 to 4. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

## Family Fun

### JANUARY 15-17

**Hagley Museum & Library's Invention Convention.** Children enjoy three days of inventing, experimenting and interactive educational entertainment. Activities include a Create-an-Invention Workshop, a Tinkering Table to take apart appliances and learn how they work, a science-related scavenger hunt and a Toddler Tools area for the youngest with play sets from the kitchen and carpentry shop. Hagley Museum & Library, Rt. 141, Wilmington. 10 to 4. \$3.50-\$5. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.



### JANUARY 18

**DuPont Theatre Children's Series — "Freedom Train."** TheatreWorksUSA presents the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman told in a fascinating series of highly theatrical scenes using dance, dialogue and music of the period. Gr. 3-9. DuPont Theatre, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. 9:30 and noon. \$6. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

### JANUARY 22-FEBRUARY 26

**Longwood Gardens OrKID Days.** Each OrKID Day includes a kids' performance, craft and the chance to meet exotic animals up close. **Jan. 22,**



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Joanie Leeds and the Nightlights and The Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels; **Jan. 29**, "It's Not Mean To Be Green, The Musical" and The Brandywine Zoo; **Feb. 26**, Andes Manta performs the vibrant music of the Andes on traditional instruments and the Elmwood Park Zoo. 1001 Longwood Rd. (off Rt. 1), Kennett Square. \$8-\$18. Performances: 12:30 and 2; animals and zoo times: noon and 3. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

#### FEBRUARY 5

**Pancake Breakfast and Maple Sugaring Celebration at Tyler Arboretum.** Tour and demonstration of maple sugaring process. Visitors will try tapping a tree and then learn how sap is turned into syrup. All-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast follows in the Barn. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 8 am to 1 pm. \$5-\$10. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

### Fundraising

#### JANUARY 15

**5th Annual Lemon Ball.** See "Of Special Note."

#### JANUARY 22

**Sing for Hope: 3rd Annual Winter Opera Gala.** An evening of exceptional vocal performances benefitting Global Family, which sponsors community based education programs around the world. Fulton Theatre, 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. 8 pm. \$20-\$50. 717-397-7425; EastCoast.MCC.org/WinterOperaGala.

### Gardens

#### JANUARY 22-MARCH 27

**Longwood Gardens Orchid Extravaganza.** A dazzling world of orchids with thousands from around the world, including a living orchid curtain, orchid topiaries and columns, an orchid waterfall and many other innovative displays. Rt. 1, Kennett Square. 9 to 5. \$8-\$18. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

### Local Farm Markets

#### ONGOING

**Lancaster Central Market.** Located in a beautiful 120-year-old brick building offering regional food specialties and souvenirs. 23 N. Market St., Lancaster. Tues, Fri, 6 am to 4 pm; Sat, 6 to 2. 717-735-6890; CentralMarketLancaster.com.

#### THROUGH APRIL

**Kennett Square Farmers Market.** Downstairs level of Cafe Lindo/Holly Peters' Rugs, off of Broad St. Entrance is off of Apple Alley. Third Fri of the month, 12 to 4 pm. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com.

#### THROUGH APRIL

**West Chester Growers Market.** Farm fresh and organic produce, breads, meat (including grass-fed) and artisan cheeses from local farms. Check websites for details. Corner of Chestnut and Church Sts. Third Sat of the month, 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

### Bring Your Binoculars

#### JANUARY 11

**Tyler Arboretum's Conowingo Dam and Perryville Birding Field Trip.** A rewarding trip to the Conowingo Dam area in search of winter waterfowl. Located on the Susquehanna River, NW of where the river empties into the northern part of the Chesapeake Bay where large numbers of gulls, ducks and Bald Eagles are typically present. Fee includes transportation, beverages and a snack. Bring lunch and binoculars. \$65. 7 am to 6 pm. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

#### JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 19

**Birding at Black Rock Sanctuary.** A morning bird walk exploring the meadows and wetlands where you will learn about the birds that inhabit the natural areas and techniques to identify different birds. 953 Black Rock Rd., about 1 mi. N of Phoenixville on Rt. 113. 8 to 10 am. 610-469-1916; ChesCo.org/CCParks.

### Museums

#### THROUGH JANUARY 9

**Yuletide at Winterthur.** Tour Henry Francis du Pont's family home in holiday splendor, featuring rooms decorated to reflect various seasonal vignettes including the perennial favorite, Winterthur's magnificent dried-flower tree. Yuletide offers an abundance of wintertime cheer, from concerts and demos to family activities and shopping. Come for the tour and stay for the day. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Winterthur concludes its winter season on January 10, 2011 and will be closed to the public until March 1, 2011. Rt. 52, 6 mi. NW of Wilmington. Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$10-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

#### THROUGH JANUARY 9

**A Brandywine Christmas.** A holiday tradition for families featuring an extensive O-gauge model railroad, thousands of natural "critter" ornaments made by museum volunteers on holiday trees and an elaborate Victorian dollhouse. A special exhibition, "The Imaginary Beasts of Royal Lacey Scoville" presents 38 watercolors that form an original narrative. Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Open daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$10. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

#### THROUGH JANUARY

**Delaware Art Museum.** Best known for its large collection of British Pre-Raphaelite art, works by Wilmington-native Howard Pyle and fellow American illustrators, and urban landscapes by John Sloan. Exhibits: **Through Jan. 2**, "A Belief in the Power of Beauty: A Selection of Works by May Morris." **Through Jan. 9**, "Leonard Baskin: Art from the Gift of Alfred Appel, Jr." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed-Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, noon to 4. \$6-\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

### The Concert Scene

#### JANUARY 15

**Concert by Melomanie.** This group presents provocative pairings of early and contemporary works in innovative chamber music collaborations. This performance also includes a World Premiere of "FireDance" by Diane Jones. Grace United Methodist Church, 900 Washington St., Wilmington. 8 pm. \$15-\$20. 302-764-6338; Melomanie.org.

#### JANUARY 16

**Hadley Memorial Fund Concert.** Catherine Marie Charlton, pianist, performs at the Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church, 101 Old Kennett Rd. (Rt. 52), across from Winterthur Museum, Wilmington. 3 pm. 610-444-1855; HadleyFund.org.

#### JANUARY 29

**TurtleDove Folk Club Presents The Dukes of Destiny.** A traditional annual, steamy blues/dance featuring a wide variety of music, from Louis Jordan-styled swing to soul, but this band's forte is Chicago blues. West Grove Friends Meeting House, 153 E. Harmony Rd., West Grove. 8 pm. \$15-\$17. 802-431-3433; TurtleDove.org.

#### JANUARY 30

**Vox Ama Deus — "Candlemas."** Soloist: Valentin Radu (organ and piano), Elin Frazier (trumpet). Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 6 pm. \$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

#### THROUGH MARCH 20

**Brandywine River Museum. Through Jan. 9**, "The Imaginary Beasts of Royal Lacey Scoville;" "Golden Impressions of Andrew Wyeth by Donald Pywell." **Jan. 22-Mar. 20**, "Romance in Conflict: N. C. Wyeth's Civil War Paintings." Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$10. 610-388-2700; www.BrandywineMuseum.org.

### Music

#### ONGOING

**Kennett Flash.** Music, comedy, poetry, movies and family shows take place here. Thurs-Sun. Sun, Open Mic Nights; Thurs, Blue Grass Jams. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. For information, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

#### JANUARY 14-24

**Music School of Delaware Concerts.** **Jan. 14**, Cultural Crossroads: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Tribute: a tribute to Dr. King through works by African-American composers and musicians, 7 pm, \$5; **Jan. 19**, Music Masters: The Magic of Mendelssohn, 7 pm, \$5-\$10; **Jan. 22**, Family Concert featuring early childhood music and movement classes, 10 am, free; **Jan. 23**, Wilmington Community Orchestra: Discovering the New World, 3 pm, \$5-\$10; **Jan. 24**, Delaware Youth Symphony, 7 pm, free. 4101 Washington St., Wilmington. For more events: 302-762-1132 or visit their website, MusicSchoolOfDelaware.org.



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### THROUGH JUNE 2011

**Jenkins Arboretum and Gardens Presents Wind Through the Trees Outdoor Kinetic and Auditory Sculpture Exhibit.** Featuring 67 sculptures in a botanical setting. With the mature tree canopy soaring nearly 100 feet in height, large scale work was encouraged and many pieces are suspended from the trees. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. Daily 8 am to sunset. 610-647-8870; Jenkins-Arboretum.org.

### JANUARY 19

**Scott Arboretum Photo Walk.** An opportunity to have time with fellow photographers and garden lovers, share your craft, learn from others and have serious photography time in the garden. Depart from the Wister Center, 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 4 to 5:30 pm. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

### FEBRUARY 4

**Vox Ama Deus — Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" & More II.** The "more" portion includes three concerti, recorder, trumpet and double violin & cello. Kimmel Center, Perelman Theater, Broad & Spruce St., Philadelphia. 8 pm. \$20-\$60. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

## Theater

### THROUGH JANUARY 9

**People's Light & Theatre Family Discovery Series Presents "The Three Musketeers: A Musical Panto."** This is the 7th holiday panto People's Light & Theatre has done, complete with plumed hats and swashbuckling sword fights. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Thurs-Sat, 7; Sat-Sun, 2. \$29-\$49. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

### THROUGH JANUARY 9

**"Nuncrackers."** Hilarious new staging of a holiday favorite, again featuring Equity Guest Artist Micki Sharpe and Hedgerow favorite Susan Wefel. Hedgerow Theatre, 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. Thurs-Sat, 7:30; Sun, 2. \$10-\$30. 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

### THROUGH JANUARY 16

**"Annie."** A special treat, featuring Emmy-winner Wanda Sykes as Miss Hannigan and Tori Heinlein of Broadway's "White Christmas" as Annie. Media Theatre for the Performing Arts, 104 E. State St., Media. Tues-Sun, 2 and 7 p.m. \$22-\$42.50. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

## Live On Stage

### JANUARY 22

**A Conversation with Bethany Frankel.** Author and star of "The Real Housewives of New York" talks about her life, work and passion for living healthy. The DuPont Theatre, DuPont Building, Wilmington. 8 pm. Tickets \$28.75-\$35.75; VIP ticket \$75 includes post-show meet and greet. 800-338-0881; DuPontTheatre.com.

### FEBRUARY 5

**West Chester University LIVE — Family Event.** Justin Roberts and the Not Ready for Naptime Players perform intelligent and rocking music for children and their parents. Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$8-\$10. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/LIVE.

### JANUARY 2

**Lancaster Symphony Orchestra and Fulton Theatre Present "My Fair Lady."** The orchestra and full chorus perform this semi-staged concert production along with the fully costumed ensemble cast from Fulton Theatre. American Music Theatre, 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E Lancaster. Dec. 31, 7 pm; Jan. 2, 2 pm. \$69. 800-648-4102, 717-291-6440; LancasterSymphony.org.

### JANUARY 7-22

**"The Fantasticks."** An intimate musical about a girl and a boy — and the Spanish gaucho hired by their fathers to whip up a romance. Players Club of Swarthmore, 614 Fairview Ave., Swarthmore. Thurs-Sat, 8; Sun, 2. \$11-\$22. 610-328-4271; PCSTheater.org.

### JANUARY 14-16

**"The Aluminum Show."** See "Of Special Note."

## Tours


### FEBRUARY 1-28

**Brandywine Valley Wine Trail Member Wineries Present "Wine & Chocolate Month."** Bring your sweetheart and celebrate with the 8 wineries of the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail as they present delicious wine and chocolate tastings and other romantic events throughout the month. Visit their website for days and times of events planned at each winery. BVWineTrail.com. ♦

Send a description of your activity to [Info@ValleyDel.com](mailto:Info@ValleyDel.com) by the first of the month preceding publication.

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# THURSDAY JANUARY 20 2011 6 PM-10 PM

*An event to support Good Samaritan Shelter.*

Banner courtesy PhoenixvilleDish.com

Nine years ago, a few people planned a fundraiser and ended up starting a tradition. As with many new events, they didn't know if it would succeed. Carole Frederick, a member of the "A Taste of Phoenixville" Committee since the first year, says they had "no clue."

The basic thought was to have a silent auction. A live auction with "bigger ticket" items was added later. This year the auctions feature stays at vacation homes, dinner for eight by a local chef, sculpture, art and more.

But the inspired idea was supplied by local restaurants, who were asked to provide mini entrées, sides, and desserts. That year nine joined in for a sort of potluck. Over the years, it grew. It became a showcase for Phoenixville's expanding group of trendy restaurants.

This year, A Taste of Phoenixville will be held in Franklin Commons on January 20 and feature about 20 food providers: Montesano Brothers, planning Italian specialties, Becca's Restaurant, serving hors d'oeuvres, Hill's Quality Seafood serving Shucked Oysters, Iron Hill offering hummus and bruschetta, Molly Maguire's with Steak and Guinness Pie, Cornucopia Catering with a Pasta Station, Sly Fox promising Spicy Crab Dip and Home-made Meatloaf, Tony's Family

offering Mushroom Crostini, Pirogues and Chicken Salad, and Full Circle Flavors, with Liqueur Cakes.

Majolica, Daddy Mims', Sugartown Smoked Specialties, Drexelbrook, Marley's, Columbia Bar & Grille, Artisans Cafe, Chester Springs Bakery, Food Muse and others will be there too, with Black Walnut Winery pouring something special for the event.

Tickets are available by invitation (call 610-933-9305), online ([TasteOfPhoenixville.com](http://TasteOfPhoenixville.com)) and at the door.

All for just \$60! And no extra cost for helping a good cause. ♦







Birchrunville Store Café

## BEST RESTAURANT – TIE

### Birchrunville Store Café

1403 Hollow Rd., Birchrunville  
610-827-9002 / [BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com](http://BirchrunvilleStoreCafe.com)

A great restaurant requires the stars to be aligned – fabulous food, professional service, memorable ambiance. And for years, the stars and fans have been lined up in the Chester County countryside for Birchrunville Store Café's two nightly seatings in a historic building where the inside window is full of corks from past magical meals. A changing menu attracts foodie pilgrims and returning locals, and gets raves from reviewers as well (a perennial Philly Mag Top 50). Quite simply, Chef Francis Trzeciak's sublime New American-French-Italian fare is served in a romantic, country-charming space that feels like a gourmet chef's home. Bring your best wine (plus cash and GPS), Wednesday-Saturday, or come the first Tuesday for a 5-course tasting menu (\$75). Two taste treats: Sliced Venison Filet with pumpkin risotto, fresh black trumpets, sage reduction; Wild Boar stuffed with sun dried blueberries, feta wrapped in crispy pancetta.

### Gilmore's

133 E. Gay St., West Chester  
610-431-2800 / [GilmoresRestaurant.com](http://GilmoresRestaurant.com)

Gilmore's celebrated status continues strong, recognized for fine French cuisine and bistro fare by many critics, including Zagat. Chef/owner Peter Gilmore and wife Susan, who preside at the intimate BYO in an elegant 18th-century West Chester townhome, know how to keep guests happy and engaged. Their 5-course Theme Dinners are legendary. The Foie Gras feast always sells out, as did November's Truffle extravaganza. Sous Chef Jason Curtis' theme dinner featured creations that earned him status as "one of the top 10 chefs in the U.S.," awarded by the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the world's oldest gastronomic society. Highlights: Poached Quail with lobster on beluga pasta and the entrée from his Valentine's Day Aphrodisiacs Dinner: Loin of Lamb encased in basil mousse wrapped in puff pastry. For homey French fare, try the savory Bistro dinners (\$35) served Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Or get 20 friends together for a special lunch.

# The Best of the Best

*A special pleasure of life in County Lines country is the growing number of area restaurants that celebrate the best our region has to offer. From fine dining in an elegant townhouse to farm-to-table dinners in the fields, area chefs are increasingly using local, seasonal ingredients to cook up extraordinary food with variety, creativity and heart.*

*And in this 7th Best of the Best collection, we round up for you what we've found to be truly special – Best Chef's Tables, Bistros, Prix Fixe Menus and Newcomers, plus every category of cuisine from American to Vietnamese. With almost 100 locally owned restaurants that serve up the best, there's much to discover and enjoy.*

*So join with friends and family to dine locally and well. It's our pleasure to share some of our favorites – each distinctive and worth a visit.*



Gilmore's Restaurant





## BEST NEWCOMER

### Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar

Glen Eagle Square, West Chester Pike, Glen Mills  
610-358-1005 / HarvestSeasonalGrill.com

Soon after Harvest opened last summer, buzz about this “great new restaurant” picked up steam and still resonates. It focuses seriously on the local/seasonal theme (servers tell newcomers they work with 75 area farmers) and on keeping calories under control. Most offerings are 500 calories or less. Asterisks on the menu indicate those that are more, like burgers and steak. Cooking expertise assures that flavors are maximized in dishes like cioppino, cedar-roasted salmon, pork loin, vegetarian stew and pumpkin ravioli. Its modern décor, expansive and airy, subtly extends the organic theme. The attractive patio is an oasis with trees blocking the mall scene. Look for a new fire pit this summer and be sure to try the luscious watermelon salad.

## PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT

### White Dog Cafe

200 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne  
610-225-3700 / WhiteDog.com

People have been talking about White Dog Cafe opening in Wayne for two

years! Not just Penn alums who flocked to the University City original, opened in 1983 by Judy Wicks, Philly’s answer to Alice Waters. November’s opening drew the curious with promises from new owner Marty Grims (Du Jour, Moshulu) to continue serving American cuisine with locally sourced, sustainably raised ingredients. Wayne’s corporate building has been transformed inside into bright garden room and kitchen, clubby wood-paneled den, bar and library with walls of paintings of every kind of dog – not just white dogs. Chef Zach Grainda’s menus reflect seasonality and favorites: November’s pumpkin pancakes and Spicy Lamb Bolognese, rigatoni, basil ricotta, baby spinach. A welcomed addition to the ‘burbs.

### Amani

105 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown  
484-237-8179 / AmanisByob.com

Since winning Best Chef at the 2010 Chester County Restaurant Festival, Jonathan Amann has been drawing attention to farm-fresh, seasonally inspired food at his new Downingtown BYO in the former Fioravanti location. Read what he cooked up on the West Chester

Courthouse steps and imagine what this Johnson & Wales grad will prepare in his chef’s kitchen! Award-winning appetizer and entrée: Fried Wontons stuffed with pan seared foie gras, chanterelles with porcini and truffle sea salt dusted diver scallop and beet puree; and Seared Halibut with pumpkin butter, hazelnut crust, whiskey molasses glaze with pommes frites and honey thyme scented root vegetables. Wow!

## PLACES TO WATCH

### Aneu Bistro & Wine Bar

575 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn  
610-251-9600 / AneuBistro.com

There’s a new name, a new look, a new menu and new energy at Aneu, Meredith McLoughlin’s reinvention of the Berwyn neighborhood favorite, Meredith’s Bistro. While keeping the best of the old, this new, chic, modern New American spot will delight with even more affordable prices, great wine list from boutique vineyards (30 wines under \$30; BYO still available, with corkage) and yummy bar menu (try crab cake sliders, short rib quesadillas) to keep diners at the stunning marble-topped bar. Aneu is Greek for “without compare.” Go compare for yourself.

### Foxfire Restaurant

100 Stone Barn Dr., Kennett Square  
610-347-2414 / TheStoneBarn.com

Refined farm-to-fork cuisine feels right at home in the new Foxfire Restaurant that builds on The Stone Barn’s history as a popular site for weddings, special events and Sunday brunch. The bucolic setting and big old historic barn provide a perfect setting for Chef Ray Maxwell, a fervent “buy local” advocate who succeeds at creating a “restaurant with heart.” He shows his love with satisfying dishes like roasted free-range Pennsylvania Quail stuffed with foie gras and pan-fried apples wrapped with fruit-wood smoked bacon. Also the knock-out Golden Delicious Apple Fig Tart made with fruit from the orchard out back and served with house-made cinnamon honey ice cream. From dinners only, lunch service was added in December.

### Moro

1307 N. Scott St., Wilmington  
302-777-1800 / MoroRestaurant.net

A more casual personality appeals at this redesigned townhouse restaurant that Zagat regularly scores highest in Wilmington. The redo includes a cen-







Aneu Bistro & Wine Bar

terpiece antipasti station in the open kitchen, one sign of its embrace of rustic Italian cuisine, especially Sicilian and southern Italian. Sophisticated culinary standards continue along with the outstanding wine list of 800+ labels. Tempting Salumi platters of artisanal cured meats appeal, as do the Torte Primavera drizzled with 30-year-old balsamic and fresh pappardelle with red-wine braised duck leg, wild mushrooms, caramelized onions and Chester

County Blue. Braised Veal Osso Bucco comes with saffron risotto and pine nut-citrus gremolata. Magnifico!

#### **BEST DESTINATION DINING** **Simon Pearce on the Brandywine**

1333 Lenape Rd., West Chester  
610-793-0948 / [SimonPearce.com](http://SimonPearce.com)

There's the spectacular view of the Brandywine River from every table, the fun of watching glassblowers demonstrate their skills and a large shop where their handiwork and handsome Simon



Simon Pearce

Pearce pottery are stylishly displayed. Add culinary demos, wine tastings and a happening bar and you've got plenty of reasons to visit. But the restaurant's superb American cuisine, innovatively inspired by what's seasonal/local warrants a trip on its own. With her four-star bio, including Gramercy Tavern in NYC, Executive Chef Karen Nicolas impresses with winners like Roast Striped Bass with borlotti beans, ham hock and tomato jam; Pennsylvania Duck with cauliflower flan, bulgur wheat, hazelnuts and gold raisins; Grass-fed Beef with cheek cannelloni, escarole and pepperonata. Delectable desserts, too.

onion sauce; lardo-basted Berkshire Pork, butternut terrine, sage crumbs and hazelnut brown butter. A distinctive cheese course precedes a stunning dessert like Éclat truffle. Call ahead for help with your BYO choices. Find your 2012 calendar and make a date.

#### **BEST CHEF'S TASTING MENU** **Daddy Mims' Creole BYOB**

154 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
610-935-1800 / [DaddyMims.com](http://DaddyMims.com)

In less than two years, Daddy Mims has made its mark on Phoenixville's restaurant row. Expanding its space and service (now lunch, Monday diners), this celebration of authentic Cajun cooking



Talula's Table

#### **BEST CHEF'S TABLE**

##### **Talula's Table**

102 West State St., Kennett Square  
610-444-8255 / [TalulasTable.com](http://TalulasTable.com)

Is it really worth making a reservation a full year ahead? Absolutely. As the only guests, your Farmtable Dinner party of 8 to 12 enjoys undivided attention. The chef masterminds your 8-course, seasonal tasting extravaganza presented by savvy servers. Every course builds on the previous and showcases the individuality of each item as well as the over-all harmony. Highlights from a recent menu: Dixie Shrimp Risotto, fennel and absinthe compound butter; Rabbit-stuffed Cabbage, little Brussels,

whips up a spicy storm, led by energetic Chef John Mims, of Carmine's Creole Café fame, often seen greeting diners. A strong spirit in the kitchen makes a perfect spot to try the very popular 4-course chef's tasting menu (\$35). Blackened Shrimp Tomato Bisque, Grilled Bass with spicy crabmeat butter sauce over Jambalaya, Cabernet Braised Beef Short Ribs over truffled mashed potatoes, and Deconstructed Tiramisu. Or Crabmeat Gumbo, Seared Rare Ahi Tuna, Roasted Sirloin topped with foie gras pate and foie gras demi glace, roasted wild mushroom mashed potatoes, Chocolate Gateau. Reserve now for the Mardi Gras special!





Becca's Restaurant

### BEST LOCAL, SEASONAL Restaurant Alba

7 W. King St., Malvern/610-644-4009  
RestaurantAlba.com

Destination dining for locavores, Alba's mission is featuring hand-crafted, locally grown artisan foods simply prepared and cooked over a wood burning grill. These words guided Chef Sean Weinberg, a regular at local farmers markets, farms and farm-to-table events, to earn three bells from Craig La Ban and several years of top ratings for food from Zagat. A strong Italian wine list is new (corkage fee for BYO). Whether you choose Slow Roasted Suckling Pig, Wood Roasted Lamb, Grass-Fed Hanger Steak or our favorite, Chef's Choice Antipasto (changes daily but always pleases), you'll appreciate quality food simply prepared to let the glory shine through. In every season.

### BEST PRIX FIXE MENU Sola

614 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr  
610-526-0123 / SolaBYOB.com

Often cited as the best BYO on the Main Line, this cozy 50-seat gem also impresses with a stellar 4-course prix fixe menu (\$40) of creative, contemporary American food with European influences, likely derived from Chef Dave Clouser's time in Alsace. A consistent 27/30 Zagat food rating during its relatively brief five years puts it on par with Lacroix and Osteria, but more convenient. Bring that special bottle (to pour into Schott Zwiesel glasses) and enjoy the changing menu. Recent example: Baby Frisée Salad duck leg confit, fingerling potato, quail egg; Red Wine Braised Escargot, potato rosti, pancetta, soft herbs; 12-hour Pork Shoulder, barley risotto; White Chocolate, Golden Raisin & Coconut Bread Pudding. Fans say it's ex-Sola-nt.

### Another Favorite Becca's Restaurant

19 S. Whitehorse Rd., Phoenixville  
484-924-8502 / BeccasRestaurant.com

Chef/owner Robert Bahm works closely with his growing circle of farmers to get the organic, sustainable products he wants. He praises one local supplier who produces "true" microgreens in the middle of winter because of the "dark, rich organic soil from Vermont" that he uses in his greenhouse. Bahm's French-inspired creations bring out the best of every ingredient in dishes like Japanese Sea Bass Bouillabaisse and Hudson Valley Black Lola Duck with seared breast confit. All good.

### BEST THEME DINNERS Majolica

258 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
610-917-0962 / MajolicaRestaurant.com

Majolica continues to evolve from Phoenixville's destination BYO with a locally inspired menu, to a hub of cre-

ative themed dinners. From a Birchrun Hill Farms collaboration (featuring the cheese) to Sustainable Seafood Celebration, Jazz Dinners with Erin Dickens (Manhattan Transfer), to Brewmaster's Breakfast with Sly Fox Brewery, and repeat Food Jams, where Majolica's Andrew Deery cooks with Andrew Little of Sheppard Mansion in Hanover, PA (both chefs with 3 bells from Craig LaBan). Plus monthly brunches (\$35), crowd-pleasing prix fixe menu (\$30), "tasty" newsletter and the promised return of cooking classes. Food still gets full attention regardless of the theme. Consider: Oysters, chive tapioca, caviar; Beef Short Rib, celeriac puree; Braised Suckling Pig, fennel, olives, preserved orange, polenta. Reserve your table.

### Another Favorite The Silverspoon

503 W. Lancaster Ave. (Eagle Village Shops), Wayne  
610-688-7646 / SilverspoonWayne.com

Take your taste buds for a trip on Wednesdays (no body scans required) with a 4-course tour (\$35) of inventively matched dishes at The Silverspoon's "World Tour" tasting menu served up by talented Chef (and owners' son) Ron Silverberg. Since moving to the new space, they've expanded service to include BYO dinners (gluten-free options, too). Get your passports stamped – literally because after four visits, the fifth is on them! Check the ever-changing menus on Twitter or e-mail alerts. Recently: 1st course (Hanukkah) Kennebec and Sweet Potato Latkes; 2nd course (Kwanzaa) North African Lamb Kabobs, jollof rice, heirloom black-eyed peas; 3rd course (Traditional Christmas) Rosemary Glazed Roast Goose, cranberry wild rice; 4th course (Eastern Orthodox Christmas) Pashka Cake with White Russian Sabayon. Bon voyage!

### BEST BISTRO Sovana Bistro

696 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square  
610-444-5600 / SovanaBistro.com

In its 12th year, this contemporary bistro keeps making people happy. The staff's enthusiasm for their brand, led by Chef/owner Nick Farrell, set the upbeat tone. A pioneer in the seasonal/local movement and self-described "ingredient driven" chef, Farrell believes food should be as fresh as possible and prepared simply to let its inner goodness shine. The evidence: knock-out pizzas like pear and fontina with grilled radicchio, arugula and balsamic or fresh pastas like local butternut squash tortellini with shiitake, oyster and chanterelle mushrooms and gorgonzola crema. And from the "100-mile Menu": Grilled Griggstown Farm Quail with veal/pork/foie gras sausage, Lyonnaise Salad and fried quail egg or Pocono Trout with French green lentils, celery-horseradish puree and apple bacon.

The Silverspoon







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creative and fun. Examples: Chicken Nuggets that are all-natural, Ashley Farms Tenderloin served with white truffle/honey mustard sauce, or Chestnut Fettucine with duck leg confit, roasted chanterelles, truffle butter and ricotta salsa.

### BEST CASUAL

#### Buckley's Tavern

5812 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52)  
Centreville, DE / 302-656-9776  
[BuckleysTavern.net](http://BuckleysTavern.net)

The parking lot is often jammed at this high-profile landmark in historic Centreville, its appeal extending to young professionals, tourists, locals, some just folks and others from nearby Chateau Country estates. Dining options include a booth in the hopping bar or a table in the colonial dining room, and, when spring arrives, on the rooftop or the beautiful patio. Long-time favorites:

Thai Coconut Curried Chicken Soup and "The" Buckley Burger with provolone, mushrooms, bacon. Try Shrimp and Grits with tasso ham, sherry cream, green chilies or Pork and Ginger Meatloaf with scallion mashed potatoes, Thai chili ketchup and onion rings. Sunday Pajama Brunch is a kick – wear your PJs and brunch is half price. You'll be surprised to see who does. Seriously.

### BEST AL FRESCO DINING

#### 333 Belrose

333 Belrose Ln., Radnor  
610-293-1000 / [333Belrose.com](http://333Belrose.com)

Among spring's many blessings is the opening of 333's classy patio. Regulars mark their calendars for the day when stylish red umbrellas go up over tables covered with white linens and flowers bloom all around. It adds welcome fresh air to the restaurant's lively bar scene and tantalizing American/fusion fare spiced with international accents. Examples: several wood-grilled Steaks and balsamic-glazed Lamb Chops; Aru-

gula and Bosc Pear Salad with lemon-scented olive oil, red onion, Prima Dona gouda and toasted hazelnuts; the enduring fave Java Pork Tenderloin with maple smashed yams, black bean sauce, mango-jalapeño salsa; and Red Chili/Citrus Glazed Grilled Swordfish with hand-smashed guacamole, ancho pepper sauce, black beans and queso fresco. Patio seating is unreserved, so come early.

### More Favorites

#### The Gables

423 Baltimore Pk. (Rt. 1), Chadds Ford  
610-388-7700 / [TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com](http://TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com)

Enjoy al fresco dining at an historic site. The lovely patio at The Gables is surrounded by the foundation of an 1897 stone bank barn (date stone still visible) with roots back to a Penn land grant. The waterfall adds to the amiable ambiance. Of the many restaurants run by Jack McFadden, this Chadds Ford eatery continues to charm with its solid American menu – think Crab Cakes, Duck Salad and local Mushroom Soup. Lively bar and good wine list cap the experience.

### Media's Dining Under the Stars

Downtown Media on State Street  
[VisitMediaPA.com](http://VisitMediaPA.com)

It feels like a town festival when State Street is closed to traffic and restaurants put tables out on the sidewalks and street for Dining Under the Stars on Wednesday nights in the summer. There's music, people watching and a great variety of cuisines in Delaware County's restaurant hub. Another reason to mosey to Media.

### BEST ROOFTOP DINING

#### Half Moon Restaurant & Saloon

108 W. State St., Kennett Square  
610-444-7232 / [HalfMoonRestaurant.com](http://HalfMoonRestaurant.com)

Year-round rooftop dining – five floors high – is at the top of the list of fun at Half Moon. Get an all-season seat to enjoy sipping and supping on a garden deck with a sunset view. With Travel Channel accolades for "Hamburgers in Paradise" and *New York Times* note in "36 Hours in the Brandywine Valley," this place is known far and wide for Belgium beers, Crab Nachos and wild game. Yearning for antelope, buffalo, caribou or elk? You'll find a sophisti-

### More Favorites

#### Black Lab Bistro

248 Bridge St., Phoenixville  
610-935-5988 / [BlackLabBistro.net](http://BlackLabBistro.net)

Packed with a lively crowd for brunch, lunch and dinner, this Phoenixville BYO with exposed brick and marigold walls expands to the sidewalk in warmer weather. The New American menu offers good variety, with seafood getting the most attention – Colossal Lump Crab Cake, Salmon and Lobster mac & cheese. Raves go to the Cinnamon Bun Ice Cream Sandwich. Yum!

#### Blue Pear Bistro

275 Brintons Bridge Rd., West Chester  
610-399-9812 / [BluePearBistro.com](http://BluePearBistro.com)

This country chic favorite is totally modern American in its contemporary décor and small plate/medium plate approach, with the focus on local/seasonal faves. But its French bistro heritage and adjacent "daddy" restaurant, the esteemed Dilworthtown Inn, assure an emphasis on comfort food that's



Firecreek Restaurant & Bar





The Orchard

with style at Duling-Kurtz. True to its 1830s charms, real wood-burning fireplaces crackle, a rare treat these days. Candlelight and flowers add another layer of graciousness. Excellent continental fare includes beloved classics like Lobster Thermidor, Rack of Lamb, Filet Flambéed tableside and Chateaubriand carved tableside. Enduring winners include Lobster Crepes with lobster-brie sauce and classic Wiener Schnitzel, which salutes the inn's Austrian owners. Save room for yummy warm fruit cobblers, Austrian cheese strudel and chocolate fondant cake. The superb wine list includes big Cabernets and rich Chardonnays. And come spring, the gardens are a delight.

cated approach in the kitchen that turns out Kangaroo Filet, vanilla parsnip puree, heirloom carrots, poached pear ver jus. You'll find Half Moon is a whole lot of fun.

#### Another Favorite

##### Mas Mexicali Cantina

102 E. Market St., West Chester  
610-918-6280 / MasCantina.com

One of the best rooftop views in West Chester is at this lively bar and restaurant. On a star-gazing night, enjoy the view with a beer or mojito. Dave MacGrogan (Doc Magrogan's, Harvest) rejuvenated the former Coyote Crossing and has made the most of this three-level space for lively gatherings and a full Mexican menu.

#### BEST DINNER AT THE INN

##### Duling-Kurtz House & Country Inn

146 S. Whitford Rd., Exton  
610-524-1830 / DulingKurtz.com

All the joys that distinguish our area's historic country inns — thick stone walls, creaky floors, period details, rustic elegance — are delivered

#### Another Favorite

##### Historic General Warren Inne

Old Lancaster Hwy. (Warren Ave.), Malvern  
610-296-3637 / GeneralWarren.com

The sumptuous charm invites you to slow down to the 18th-century pace it represents so well. Attentive service and the highly rated wine list match the expertly prepared continental cuisine. A sampling: ever-popular Snapper Soup, classic Caesar Salad prepared tableside, Lobster & Lobster (tail & risotto), and the Braised Short Ribs come with truffled vegetables and burgundy demi glace. The perfect ending: Bananas Foster flambéed tableside.

#### MOST ROMANTIC

##### Dilworthtown Inn

Old Wilmington Pk., West Chester  
610-399-1390 / Dilworthtown.com

With its 15 dining rooms, this gracious, A-list colonial inn offers many cozy corners perfectly suited for romance. Ask for a table warmed by one of the handsome fireplaces, guaranteed to enhance the mood. The hospitality is as genuine as its 18th-century qualities, including fine antiques. Enjoy imagina-

tive American cuisine and celebrated wine list of 800+ selections. Abundant and appealing food choices make deciding difficult. To start, shall it be Wild Burgundy Escaragot, Seared Foie Gras, Ginger-crisp Lobster or Charred Beef Carpaccio? The Chateaubriand for two carved tableside is an obvious choice. Other tempting entrées: Duck Breast studded with candied orange, Jumbo Lump Crab Crepe and Braised Beef Short Ribs. The desserts will dazzle while sweetening your mood.

#### BEST FAMILY DINING

##### Ron's Original Bar & Grille

74 E. Uwchlan Ave., Exton  
610-594-9900 / RonsOriginal.com

When there's a coloring contest and kids' menu offering pasta with sauce, plain or butter, you know you've found a true family restaurant. Add great burgers, amazing pizzas and ovals (a pizza-like specialty) plus Neutella shakes for teens, and a strong Italian-inspired menu with classics (from cioppino to surf & turf) for parents, and the whole family can agree where to go for dinner. Even the health conscious will applaud the "from scratch" approach to

cooking with fresh, no-additive ingredients. And if there's a beer lover in the group, 20 beers on tap and about 100 varieties in bottles should keep return visits happening for years! Celebrating 20 years, Ron's also adds a busy bar, sports events and live music to the mix.

#### BEST DINNER TO GO - TIE

##### Janssen's Market

3801 Kennett Pk., Greenville, DE  
302-654-9941 / JanssensFineFood.com

This uptown market has been the place for discriminating foodies for decades. Since its 2007 move, the expanded new take-out department with eager-to-please staff keeps adding satisfied customers. The Gourmet du Jour menu posted daily online hints at the myriad options — 12 different chicken entrées, for example. Most popular: flank steak, crab cakes, gluten-free meatloaf — an updated classic. You're invited to totally customize your dinner: a slice of meatloaf for little Bobby, steak for Dad, tilapia Française for Mom. Mashed and roasted potatoes? Or maybe whole grain salad, like today's wheat berry with cranberries and mandarin



The Farmhouse





The Green Room at the Hotel du Pont

## BEST BREAKFAST

### Classic Diner

352 W. Lancaster Ave., Malvern  
610-725-0515 / TheClassicDinerPA.com

The interior is more cozy cottage than chrome diner at this champion of breakfasts, which passed its 15th year of pleasing crowds that line up on weekends. Classic breakfast fare, with optional up-scale twists, fresh ingredients and generous portions, is the simple secret to success — and serving the Stickiest Buns doesn't hurt. Try all the Eggs Benedict options (start with lump crab), customized omelets (American cheese to lobster tail) or Pear & Cinnamon Cream Stuffed French Toast with Grand Marnier sauce from the Batter Up section, capped by a great cup of coffee. There's take-out for all your favorites, a great lunch menu, plus catering,

oranges. Several fresh soups prepared daily, and yummy desserts like tiramisu and carrot cake.

### Wegman's

50 Foundry Way, Malvern  
484-913-9600  
600 Commerce Dr., Collegeville  
484-902-1500  
1056 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown  
610-518-7800 / Wegmans.com

Area foodies are drawn to this locally owned temple to food for its amazing array of services. From bulk paper goods to organic goat cheese, plus beer and wine for sale or sipping at The Pub bar, you can pick up a \$6 meal (entrée and two sides), pizza, subs, sushi, Chinese wokery meal, or Club Pack chef-made entrées for 4 to 6. With a motto of "helping make great meals easy," they certainly deliver with cooking demonstrations, a menu magazine, meal stations with all the ingredients you need for Sesame Chicken or another gourmet delight. Impress your family and pick up Talapia Al Forno with panko bread crumbs! We won't tell.

so there's no excuse for not trying this classic. Soon.

### Another Favorite

#### Sinclair's Sunrise Café and Tea Room

127 E. State St., Kennett Square  
610-444-8141 / SunriseCafe-TeaRoom.com

For a charming, casual breakfast (or lunch), Sinclair's has been delivering healthy options in Kennett Square for over five years. Breakfast choices include omelets, egg specialties, gourmet whole grain pancakes (with weekly specials), café-made oat French toast with real maple syrup. Sides offer a polenta option, turkey sausage, multigrain toast. Sample Longwood Eggs (spinach & Hollandaise), Kennett Eggs (mushrooms & smoked Gouda), or try the gingerbread pancakes or pear muffins with cinnamon walnuts. Great way to start any day.

## BEST BRUNCH

### The Green Room at the Hotel du Pont

11th & Market Sts., Wilmington  
302-594-3154 / HotelDuPont.com

Lavish buffet stations — appetizer and dessert — match the stature of the Green Room, Wilmington's prime example of Old World luxury. For starters: a tempting array of smoked and fresh seafood, cheeses from delicate to assertive, fruit platters and soup of the day. Entrées, which are served, include braised Short Ribs of Beef, pan-seared Filet of Salmon, Eggs Benedict, Frenched Breast of Chicken and Harvest-spiced Belgium Waffles. The hotel's renowned pastry chef always delights with her Viennese pastries, assorted tortes, fresh-fruit creations and famous macaroons, come chocolate dipped. Take in the room's coffered ceilings and lavish gold chandeliers, while musicians in the gallery above soothe your Sunday.

### More Favorites

#### Mendenhall Inn Restaurant

323 Kennett Pk. (1 mi. S of Rt. 1), Mendenhall  
610-388-1181 / MendenhallInn.com

Loyal fans continue to celebrate brunch at the Mendenhall Inn, where you can choose the sumptuous buffet or order from the menu. Roaring fires, patio dining and angelic harp music enhance the experience as diners choose from appetizer and salad buffets (Ambrosia, Tarragon Chicken, Salade Nicoise), fresh baked pastries and muffins, and a wide array of entrées — smoked Salmon Benedict, Quiche du jour, Crab Cakes. End your meal with flambéed Bananas Foster or other treats. Service and presentation get raves.

### The Stone Barn

100 Stone Barn Dr., Kennett Square  
610-347-2414 / TheStoneBarn.com

Driving out through the rolling hills to Sunday brunch at the Stone Barn has long been a favorite that just got better. Live music adds to the festive mood in the charmingly restored historic

barn with huge stone fireplace and tall windows that look out on the country scene. The sumptuous buffet is spread out over several tables, its bounty including fresh and smoked seafood, several carving stations, varied breakfast entrées, Belgian waffle bar, fresh salads, lots of fruit, and a variety of hot dinner entrées, plus pies, cakes and other tempting sweets.

## BEST LUNCH

### Limoncello Ristorante

9 N. Walnut St., West Chester  
610-436-6230 / LimoncelloWC.com

Limoncello's over-flowing lunch spread was so popular Monday through Friday that it's now available Saturday, too. The seemingly always-busy, family-run restaurant keeps regulars coming back for its hearty Southern Italian creations at all times of the day, but never more than at lunch. The lunch buffet presents decision-making challenges with its tempting array of four gourmet pizzas, four stromboli selections, four salads, two pasta specialties and two







Black Walnut Winery  
Courtesy PhoenixvilleDish.com

days, newly opened Courtyard Grill, and local history walking tours – merit return visits.

### BEST WINE LIST

#### Savona

100 Old Gulph Rd., Gulph Mills  
610-520-1200 / SavonaRestaurant.com

With only 105 Master Sommeliers in North America, it's no wonder that Savona's Melissa Monosoff gets noticed. And no wonder the personally selected 1,000 bottle wine list (31 pages online) at this Main Line star consistently gets raves. You'll find no snark or snobbery here with your selection. Monosoff is most often cited for her laid back, cheerleader approach at her Friday wine tasting classes (\$35) and in the dining room or bar, where her legendary advice can make a meal truly memorable. She's even introduced a beer list!

meat dishes like chicken or ribs, plus a whole table of grilled vegetables — eggplant, broccoli rabe, zucchini and more. Business execs, ladies who lunch and families all line up for their favorites, their mouths watering. All for \$9.95, drink included. No wonder it's a hit.

### BEST TEA ROOM

#### The Lincoln Room

82 W. Market St., West Chester  
610-696-2102

LincolnRoomWestChester.com

Sip your tea and learn some local history at the charming Lincoln Room, where owner Susan Johnstone is happy to tell the tale of this historic building in the heart of West Chester. Enjoy the Tea Room Sampler (soup, scone, salad, tea sandwiches and pot of tea) or the Tea for Two (3-plate tower of sandwiches, dessert delights and pot of tea) for your first visit. The sight and scent of hearty soups, scrumptious quiches and scones of many varieties (chocolate toffee) and signature Croissant Bread Pudding will have you Tweeting delight. Special events – Fondue Fri-

### BEST WINE BAR

#### Domaine Hudson Wine Bar & Eatery

1314 N. Washington St., Wilmington  
302-655-9463 / DomaineHudson.com

This gracious and unpretentious bistro focuses on wines that excel in taste yet are a good value, with 425+ wines by the bottle, 40 by the glass. Beer has been added to owner Tom Hudson's repertoire: some 100+ craft brews. Every day from 5 to 7, wine lovers, veteran and wannabes alike, gather for the popular 3-3-3 tasting special: 3-ounce pours of 3 wines at \$3 each. Food gets the same loving attention. Small/Large Plates included Roasted Mahi-Mahi with Moorish spices, Flat Iron Steak and Lamb Shank, with tasty sides you select. Cheese Plates created from a long list of choices come with walnut/cranberry bread, crostini, house-made fruit compote and honey.

### BEST WINE TASTING ROOM

#### Black Walnut Winery

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*Area chefs celebrate locally sourced ingredients on their menus to bring the best farm-to-table or farm-to-fork dining to our area all year long.*

Enlightened chefs throughout *County Lines* country enthusiastically embrace the farm-to-table concept or farm-to-fork for all you alliteration fans. These chefs buy foods that are in season, mostly organic, from local and area sources they've cultivated and often list on their menus. Sources range from local dairies that produce artisanal cheeses and humane cattle growers to area produce farmers, orchards, apiaries and wine makers.

Engaged and often fond relationships have developed between the pot stirrers and soil diggers, many strategizing together on the next season's crops. Restaurant patrons win because this movement has motivated chefs to fine-tune their skills at bringing out the natural essence of the food they've come to know up close and personal. Bottom line: Your dinners are more flavorful and better for you.

Here's how devotee Sean Weinberg, chef/owner of **Restaurant Alba** in Malvern, describes the benefits of organic beef, for example: "There's a huge difference in taste with grass-fed beef. The animals are happier, too, and that translates to the flavor, which is cleaner and more natural tasting. All you need [to cook it] is a little salt and olive oil." Like his simpatico chefs: "We always look to do as little to the natural product as possible."

## Flavor From the Source

At **Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar**, a hot spot that opened last summer at Glen Eagle Square in Glen Mills, Chef Brian Duffy aims for "the most flavors with the least calories." He works with 75 area farmers and almost all of Harvest's offerings are 500 calories or less.

Duffy, who says Harvest is designed for "people who shop at Whole Foods

and Trader Joe's," prides himself on having mastered cooking techniques, like braising, that bring out flavors without adding calories from, say, olive oil or butter. A winning example: Chicken & Dumplings prepared "coq au vin" style with free-range chicken, white wine and thin whole wheat dumplings.

Farm-to-fork enthusiast Robert Bahm, chef/owner of **Becca's Restaurant**, a popular Phoenixville BYO, minces shallots but not words. "We do 100 percent organic, we buy 100 percent sustainable seafood and grass-fed beef and lamb." His creative side comes out in cold-weather winners like Hubbard squash soup with nutmeg crostini, free-range organic chicken breast over Moroccan couscous and the Tasting of Vegetables option featuring a daily selection of local farmers' fall vegetables. You can't get more farm-to-table than that.

**The Garden Café**, in its made-to-order greenhouse setting at high-style **Terrain at Styers** in Glen Mills, benefits from being surrounded by nature's bounty. And Chef Keith Rudolph's cuisine is right on target. He works with a host of local farmers,

Chefs pictured at right,  
clockwise from top:

**Dan Butler**, Belin Organic Café  
at the Hagley Museum

**Ray Maxwell**,  
Foxfire at the Stone Barn

**Keith Rudolph**,  
Styer's Garden Café

**Karen Nicolas**, Simon Pearce  
on the Brandywine

**Robert Bahm**,  
Becca's Restaurant

**Sean Weinberg**,  
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even though it can be more expensive. “I don’t mind paying a couple of dollars more for good turnips . . . rather than getting them from Kansas,” he says. Local butternut squash launched an over-the-top soup that’s “incredibly popular.” Pumpkin seed oil and ginger-snap cookies garnish the roasted squash creation.

Like many of his peers, Rudolph extends the seasons by making preserves, including fig and one blending carrots, orange and ginger. During cherry season, he made a smoked cherry preserve to pair with smoky blue cheese.

Leaving California’s lush agricultural scene to come to **Simon Pearce** outside West Chester, Executive Chef Karen Nicolas worried that farm sources here wouldn’t compare favorably. But she’s quickly come to “love the abundance of gardens and farms and dairies in this area.” The menu listed 13 of these sources when we visited, thoroughly enjoying her innovative, market-inspired cuisine. Area cheese-makers and farmers starred in her delicious cheese plate with “accoutrements” including diced green tomato, pickled mushrooms and fig jam.

### Gardens of Their Own

A bucolic location ups the farm-to-fork cachet for some restaurants. At the new **Foxfire at The Stone Barn**, in Unionville, Chef Ray Maxwell works with a bushel-full of area sources but can also walk out back to an established herb and vegetable garden. Not far away in the restaurant’s appealing countryside setting, there’s an apple orchard planted a couple of generations back on the family-owned property. We can vouch for the delectable Stone Barn Orchards Golden Delicious Apple Fig Tart, its rich crust cradling fruit grown on the premises, served with cinnamon ice cream.

Restaurant owner Dan Butler (Brandywine Prime and Bistro on the Brandywine in Chadds Ford, Piccolina Toscana and the new **Belin Organic Café at Hagley Museum** in Wilmington) gets poetic about the farm-to-table

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topic, saying it's "something very close to my chef's soul." When the small garden next to the Bistro was forced to close because of an environmental emergency, the chefs moved it "up the hill about 100 yards to a nice flat area that gets good sun." It serves the adjacent Brandywine Prime as well as the Bistro.

When Chef Roy Eckbold took over the Belin Organic Café last summer, he was delighted to discover a thriving garden "just down the hill" in the middle of Hagley Museum's 235-acre property, "where the du Pont story begins." Eckbold uses herbs and vegetables from the historic Workers Garden tended by volunteers.

#### Farmers Rock

Chefs nurture their partnerships with farmers. Harvest's Duffy speaks fondly of one "great old guy" who calls me at the beginning of the week to tell me what produce is in its prime. "He's like your grandfather . . . even though he doesn't always smell that good."

Bahm at Becca's champions his sources, especially "my main guy in Lancaster, Green Meadow Farms. He uses recycled fryer oil from restaurants to power his delivery trucks and heat his greenhouses in the winter. He's amazing."

Alba's Weinberg and his business partner, wife Kelly Weinberg, go beyond in-house promotion of their farm sources. They stage dinners at the source. "We did three bonfire dinners on one farm last summer," says Sean. "We cooked the whole meal around the bonfire . . . we stake up whole lambs and cook them there." Guests gathered around a 300-year-old oak tree for sangria before getting a hayride to the dinner site. He also appreciates that "the farmers themselves come in to the restaurant and eat . . . a lot." Weinberg is delighted that one of his farmers in just 1.5 miles from his restaurant. "I can ride my bike there."

The next thing you know, chefs will keep coveralls hanging next to their whites. ♦



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# Worldwide Dining in Downtown West Chester

Malcolm Johnstone

Long known as a restaurant town, hosting September's Chester County Restaurant Festival and April's Restaurant Week, West Chester should also be on your dining destination list when you want something new, something ethnic or something else. Just stroll the walkable streets of the downtown and find the choice you yearn for.

## Something New

New restaurants opening in downtown West Chester continue to add excitement to the local cuisine scene. Here's a trio to try.

**Pistachio's Café & Catering** (237 E. Gay St., 484-887-0488) is a great place to relax with friends and family or to pick up a take-out dinner. Their menu features lighter fare like soups, salads, wraps, hot & cold sandwiches and delicious dinner entrées like Chicken Parmigiana, Shrimp Scampi and award-winning Pistachio Chicken Tenders.

For locally grown fruits and vegetables plus humanely raised meat and fish products, try **FarmHouse Markets** (15 N. Church St.). Fresh breads and brewed coffee with bagels and pastries for morning, and fresh sushi prepared on-site for lunch. Check out the live beehive and hydroponic growing towers with nutrients from live fish!

West Chester now has its own branch of **Nudy's Cafe**, a popular regional breakfast and lunch chain (300 W. Market St.). Nudy's offers the same menu with a wide variety of specialty breakfasts, including variations of Eggs Benedict, pancakes, crepes, French toast and creative omelets.

## Something International

Downtown West Chester is a virtual international food court, with cuisine from American to Thai, and something for every taste and budget. Check the map in this article for locations.

## American Cuisine

If you're craving some true-blue American food, options abound.

**Barnaby's of West Chester** (15 S. High St., 610-696-1400; [BarnabysWestChester.com](http://BarnabysWestChester.com)) offers indoor and warm-weather outdoor seating, with a full menu, plus bar and daily specials.

**Doc Magrogan's Oyster House** (117 E. Gay St., 610-429-4046; [DocMagrogans.com](http://DocMagrogans.com)) takes you back to the days when oysters and other seafood were the most popular food in West Chester.

**Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant** (High & Gay Sts., 610-738-9600; [IronHillBrewery.com](http://IronHillBrewery.com)) brews its own award-winning beers on-site, and offers a wide range of menu choices.

**Landmark Americana** (158 W. Gay St., 610-701-9900; [LandmarkAmericana.com/Landmark-WC](http://LandmarkAmericana.com/Landmark-WC)) brings cuisine nouveau to downtown with contemporary design and a menu to match.

**The Pale Horse**, (29 E. Gay St., West Chester, PA 19380 610-738-8844; [PaleHorsePub.com](http://PaleHorsePub.com)), previously Spence Cafe, is a new eatery with a menu of quality seafood and meat dishes, plus a full bar with late evening entertainment.

**Pietro's Prime** (125 W. Market St., 484-760-6100; [PietrosPrime.com](http://PietrosPrime.com)) continues three generations of Giunta family spirit in a steakhouse with the best in meat dishes and quality fare.

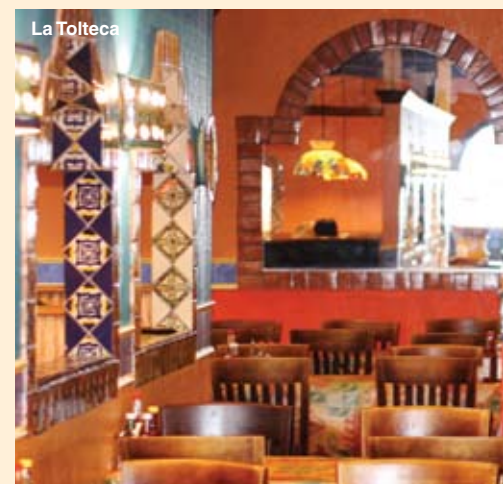
**Rams Head Bar & Grill** (40 E. Market St., [RamsHeadBarAndGrill.com](http://RamsHeadBarAndGrill.com)) presents a menu of fine food at a reasonable price in a comfortable atmosphere.

**Side Bar & Restaurant** (10 E. Gay St., 610-429-8297; [SideBarAndRestaurant.com](http://SideBarAndRestaurant.com)) is newly remodeled and offers selections of fish, meat and poultry prepared with meticulous care.

## Breakfast & Lunch

For a daytime treat, try these for breakfast, lunch or tea.

**The Lincoln Room** (28 W. Market St., 610-696-2102; [LincolnRoom-WestChester.com](http://LincolnRoom-WestChester.com)), located in an historic building, is an American tearoom offering lunch with hints of British Empire elegance. Be sure to try their signature dish, Croissant Bread Pudding.







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**Market Street Grill** (6 W. Market St., 610-429-5328) gets raves for brown sugar swirl stuffed French Toast with caramelized bananas, cream cheese and walnuts, while lunch features salads, wraps and specialty sandwiches.

**Penn's Table** (Gay & Church Sts., 610-696-0677; PennsTableRestaurant.com), a family business owned and operated by Anthony and Jenn Marion, prides itself on preparing food "the way Mom used to make it."

**Three Little Pigs** (131 N. High St., 610-918-1272; ThreeLittlepigsWC.com) is a gourmet deli featuring homemade soup, breads and desserts made daily. Dine in the bright front room overlooking High Street or the outdoor patio.

### Cajun / Creole Cuisine

For a little bit of Mardi Gras any day of the week, try a favorite.

**High Street Caffé** (322 S. High St., 610-696-7435; HighStreetCaffe.com) is known for its funky-eclectic atmosphere and serving up gator, gumbo and more.

### French Cuisine

In the tradition of the finest French dining, the chef IS the restaurant. Taste for yourself.

**Gilmore's Restaurant**, (133 E. Gay St., 610-431-2800; GilmoresRestaurant.com) is a star where Peter Gilmore personally prepares his guests award-winning cuisine in an intimate setting.

### Indian Cuisine

Add spice to your life with these savory choices.

**Spice Indian Thai Bistro** (113 W. Market St., 610-431-0113; SpiceBYOB.com) has two kitchens serving one restaurant with Thai and Indian cuisine. And a great lunch buffet.

**Star of India Restaurant's** (Gay & Darlington Sts., 610-429-0125) simple décor sets the mood for exotic meals of aromatic masalas, vindaloos, curries and biryani of northern Indian fare.

### Irish Cuisine

There's a wee bit 'o the Emerald Isle in West Chester's pubs.

**At Kildare's Irish Pub** (18-22 W. Gay St., 610-431-0770; KildaresPub.com), Dave Magrogan brought an entire Irish pub, piece by piece, to Gay Street, along with a menu that would delight any Dubliner.

**Ryan's Pub & Restaurant** (126 W. Gay St., 610-344-3934; Ryans-Pub.com) is one of those enjoyable neighborhood pubs where you can relax and enjoy good food in a comfortable setting.

### Italian Cuisine

For your pasta cravings and a taste of Italy, sample all four.

**Limoncello Ristorante** (9 N. Walnut St., 610-436-6230; LimoncelloWC.com) serves up authentic, home-cooked, southern Mediterranean cuisine in a newly expanded bar and dining area and great patio.

**Nonna's** (116 E. Gay St., 610-430-0203; NonnasWC.com) exquisite setting — including a wine cellar — takes you back to old Italy with such dishes as Giunta ravioli, made fresh every day.

**Olive Branch Restaurant** (142 W. Gay St., 610-431-7141; OliveBranchWC.net) offers tapas-size plates for grazing a wide variety. Lobster mac & cheese and cheesecake get raves.

**Teca** (38 E. Gay St., 610-738-8244; TecaWine.com), a bistro with a vast wine bar and great paninis, has become a favorite gathering place for friends and family.

### Japanese Cuisine

Got a yen for Japanese?

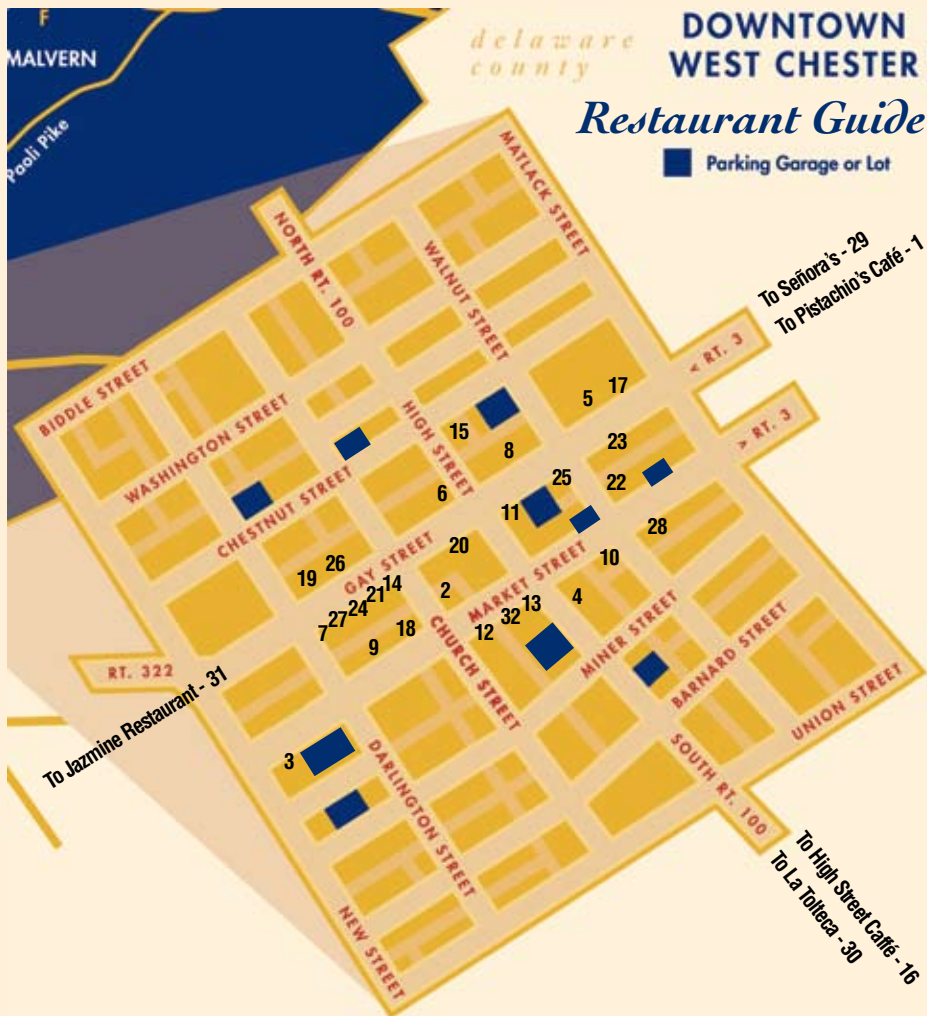
**Kooma Japanese Restaurant** (151 W. Gay St., 610-430-8980; GoKoomaRestaurant.com) is a fusion sushi bar with stylish décor, radiating hipness and serving fresh sushi, sashimi, maki and more.

### Mediterranean Cuisine

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**The Mediterranean** (150 W. Gay St., 610-431-7074; TheMedWCPA.com) is a casually comfortable BYO known for recreating authentic European dishes in what feels like the chef's home.





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### Mexican Cuisine

Muchos options for Mexican meals.

**Más Mexicali Cantina's** (102 E. Market St., 610-918-6280; [WestChester.MasCantina.com](http://WestChester.MasCantina.com)) hip cantina ambiance sets the stage for family favorites like spicy tacos, plus veggies and tofu, too.

**Señora's Authentic Mexican Cuisine** (505 E. Gay St., 610-344-4950) is a family-owned and operated BYO for fresh, authentic home-cooked Mexican favorites with tasty salsas.

**La Tolteca** (907 S. High St., 610-429-8101; [LaTolteca.net](http://LaTolteca.net)) will mix a margarita with your tequila at this BYO, with a menu bursting with classic dishes from South of the Border.

### Thai Cuisine

Try these two Thai tastes.

**Jazmine Restaurant** (344 W. Gay St., 610-696-3332; [JazmineThai.com](http://JazmineThai.com)) exceeds expectations with delicious Tum Yum soup and veggie lover entrée, made with the right combo of spices.

**Nooddi-Thai Chef** (10 W. Market St., 610-430-3300) offers noodle dishes in many satisfying styles for lunch and dinner, BYO. ♦

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**Special 2 for \$20 Tuesday:** Get full while spending less at your favorite restaurants. Every Tuesday, participating restaurants offer couples one shared appetizer, two entrées, and one shared dessert, all for only \$20! Participating restaurants are listed at [Downtown-WestChester.com](http://Downtown-WestChester.com).

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#### PENNSYLVANIA Avondale

⊗**THE FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT**, 514 McCue Rd. 610-268-2235; [LNGolf.com](http://LNGolf.com). Renovated 17th-century farmhouse nestled in country gardens. Oriental rugs, crackling fireplaces, soft candlelit rooms and local art set the stage for some of the best food in *County Lines* country. Wine cellar with chef's table. Outdoor dining overlooking the gardens and golf course. Open 7 days. L-\$6.95-\$15.95; D-\$16.95-\$32. Brunch, \$5.95-\$16. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 to '11, *County Lines*.**

#### Berwyn

**ANEU BISTRO**, 575 Lancaster Ave. 610-251-9600; [AneuBistro.com](http://AneuBistro.com). New American cuisine is served at this chic, contemporary bistro, formerly Meridith's, committed to serving great food, choosing local farms and vendors and using sustainable products. BYOB (\$7 corkage fee) and full-service bar. Specials: Mon, buy 1 app/get 1 free; Tues, ½ price bottle of wine; Wed, buy 1 dessert/get 1 free; Sun, no corkage fee. Lunch, Mon-Fri, 11 to 3; brunch: Sat, 10 to 3; Sun, 9 to 3; dinner, Sun-Thurs, 5 to 9, Fri-Sat, 5 to 10. L-\$9-\$15; D-\$19-\$32; Brunch-\$8-\$15. Major cards. **Best of the Best '11, *County Lines*.**

**NECTAR**, 1091 Lancaster Ave. 610-725-9000; [TasteNectar.com](http://TasteNectar.com). Asian-inspired cuisine is served in this amazingly beautiful restaurant, with a towering ceiling, minimalist stone walls with flickering candles, curtains of metal beads, a posh sushi bar and a giant, silk-screened Buddha overlooking all. They offer a chef's tasting dinner, \$65. Open 7 days for dinner; Mon-Fri for lunch. L-\$8.95-\$14.95; D-\$9-\$29. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, *County Lines*.**

**THAI ORCHID RESTAURANT**, 556 W. Lancaster Ave. (Berwyn Shopping Center). 610-651-7840. Contemporary Thai cuisine served in an authentic atmosphere with rich woodwork, mirrors in beautifully carved wood frames and pierced wood wall hangings and coromandel screens. They offer a fixed-price, three-course luncheon, \$10.95. BYO. Open 7 days. Major cards. **Best of the Best '07 through '11, *County Lines*.**

#### Birchrunville

⊗**BIRCHRUNVILLE STORE CAFÉ**, 1403 Hollow Rd. (Flowing Springs & Hollow Rds.) 610-827-9002; [BirchrunvilleStore-Cafe.com](http://BirchrunvilleStore-Cafe.com). Only a handful of tables at this charming, out of the way Chester County restaurant, which serves fine contemporary French-Italian cuisine. Plan on allowing two hours for a leisurely meal, as everything is prepared when ordered. Smart casual. BYO. Dinner, Wed-Sat, with two seatings on Fri-Sat, 6-6:30 and 8-8:30. First Tuesday of every

month, a 5-course tasting menu is available, \$75. Entrée price range: \$25-\$28. Cash only; no cards. **Best of the Best '05, '06, '07, '08, '10, '11, *County Lines*.**

#### Bryn Mawr

**YANGMING**, 1051 Conestoga Rd., (Haverford & Conestoga Rds.) 610-527-3200; [YangmingRestaurant.com](http://YangmingRestaurant.com). Innovative Chinese-International cuisine, along with classic dishes. Specialties include jumbo lump crabcakes, firecracker veal and capellini with shrimp. Happy hour Mon-Fri, 4:30-6:30. "Special Chinese New Year Menu" will be offered Feb. 11-Mar. 20, \$49.95 pp. They have a red wine book, with many new choices. Banquet facilities. Open 7 days. L-\$5.95-\$9.95; D-\$9.95-\$26.95. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, *County Lines*.**

#### Chadds Ford

**BIG FORK RESTAURANT**, 101 Ridge Rd. 610-358-8008; [BigForkRestaurant.com](http://BigForkRestaurant.com). A quaint, comfortable restaurant with a country-western inspired atmosphere. Open for dinner, Tues-Sat. \$19-\$26. Major cards.

⊗**BISTRO ON THE BRANDYWINE**, 1623 Baltimore Pk. Rts. 1 & 100. 610-388-8980; [BistroOnTheBrandywine.com](http://BistroOnTheBrandywine.com). This eatery brings an affordable alternative to the familiar rotation of pizza, burgers and car-side "to go," offering bistro-style food with a French leaning. The décor is country chic and comfortable. Lunch Mon-Sat; dinner, 7 days. L-under \$10; D-under \$20. Major cards.

⊗**BRANDYWINE PRIME SEAFOOD & CHOPS**, 1617 Baltimore Pk. Rts. 1 & 100. 610-388-8088; [BrandywinePrime.com](http://BrandywinePrime.com). Creative, contemporary American cuisine served at this restaurant, with an emphasis on fresh, locally grown products including in-house dry-aged beef. Also offered are fresh shucked oysters from around the world and creative sashimis. Dinner, Mon-Sat; Sun brunch. Entrées, \$18-25. **Best of the Best '07, '09, *County Lines*.**

**CHADDS FORD TAVERN & RESTAURANT**, 1400 Baltimore Pk. 610-459-8453; [ChaddsFordTavern.com](http://ChaddsFordTavern.com). Enjoy dining in this cozy, quaint, restaurant with a country atmosphere. Featuring Continental cuisine with daily specials. Family owned and operated for 38 years. Casual. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner, L-\$5.50-\$7.50; D-\$16.95-\$22.95. MC, V.

#### Chester Springs

**AMERICA BAR & GRILL**, 499 E. Uwchlan Ave. 610-280-0800; [AmericaBarGrill.com](http://AmericaBarGrill.com). Contemporary American cuisine served in an upscale, casual atmosphere. Specials include a popular Tapas menu and "build your own steak dinner" as well as daily specials. Outdoor patio dining is available in season. Open Mon-Sat for lunch and



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dinner; Sun brunch, 10 to 2 and dinner. L-\$8.95-\$14.95; D-\$14.95-\$24.95; Brunch, \$16.95. Major cards.

#### Collegeville

**THE PUB AT WEGMAN'S, 600 Commerce Dr. 484-902-1500; Wegmans.com.** See listing under Downingtown, PA. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

#### Concordville

®**CONCORDVILLE INN, Rt. 1 (Baltimore Pk.) 610-459-2230; ConcordvilleInn.com.** Classic American cuisine is served in inviting and graciously appointed dining rooms. They have Family Nights, offer a "To Go" menu and the slow roasted prime rib is a specialty. Casual. Open 7 days for dinner; lunch, Mon-Sat. L-\$7.95-\$17.95; D-\$9.95-\$22.95. Major cards. **Best of the Best '07, '08, County Lines.**

#### Downingtown

**AMANI'S BYOB, 105 E. Lancaster Ave. 484-237-8179; AmanisBYOB.com.** Farm fresh, seasonal cuisine focusing on using as many local ingredients as possible. This 40-seat BYOB has an open kitchen in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Their dining room has a relaxed elegance feel with white tablecloths and upscale farm décor. Open for lunch, Tues-Fri, 11:30 to 3; dinner, Tues-Thurs, 5 to 9:30; Fri-Sat, 5 to 10:30; Sun, 4 to 9; closed Mon. L-\$8-\$13; D-\$19-\$29. Major cards. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

®**FIRECREEK RESTAURANT & BAR, 20 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-269-6000; Fire-creek-Restaurant.com.** Located on the bank of the Brandywine River, this upscale American grille is in a historic paper mill. Specials include a 3-course prix fixe dinner, Sun-Thurs, \$30; Sun, live jazz for brunch and BYOB; Mon, 50% off wine less than \$100; Wed, Chef's tasting special, \$35, \$50 pp; Thurs, jazz. Mon-Thurs, 11:30 am to 10; Fri-Sat, 11:30 am to 11; Sun, 4 to 8 pm. Sun brunch, 10:30 to 2. L-\$10-\$18; D-\$20-\$30. Major cards. **Best of the Best '10, '11, County Lines.**

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**CUISINE TO GO, 610-363-6606; Cuisine-ToGo.net.** If you're too tired to cook or go out, you can have the mobile waiters at Cuisine To Go bring your meal to your house, office or hotel. They represent many restaurants in the area and you can order for lunch the morning you would like it delivered, or in advance for a special dinner you might be having next week. Visit their website for a list of restaurants they service. **Best of the Best '10, County Lines.**

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#### Kennett Square

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®**HALF MOON RESTAURANT & SALOON, 108 W. State St. 610-444-7232; HalfMoonRestaurant.com.** Restored tin ceilings, porcelain tile, mahogany throughout the restaurant and the all-season, glass-enclosed Roof Top or Saloon offers dining and bar area with outdoor dining in nicer weather. Specializing in wild game, farm-raised meats, Belgian beers, 27 taps, seafood, steaks, vegetarian. Most popular are the Crab Nachos. Two full bars, wine list. Open for lunch and dinner; closed Sun. Travel Channel, Food Paradise Feature, 2010. **Best of the Best '06 through '11, County Lines.**

®**KENNETT SQUARE INN, 201 E. State St. 610-444-5687; KennettInn.com.** A landmark in this small town, the restaurant is housed in an attractively restored historic building, serving American cuisine in a Williamsburg setting. Formal or informal dining. Upscale casual. Open for lunch, Mon-Sat, from 11:30; dinner, Mon-Sat, 5:30-9:30, Sun, 4 to 9. L-\$7-\$16; D-\$18-\$30. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '09, County Lines.**

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**DESI VILLAGE, 145 Gulph Rd. 610-265-8500; Desi-Village.com.** There are paintings of Indian villages on the wall in this bright, comfortable restaurant which serves North Indian cuisine. Daily specials and chef specials are served. Open 7 days for lunch buffet, 11:30 to 3; dinner, 5 to 10; Fri-Sat until 11. L-\$8.95-\$12.95; D-\$11-\$25. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '10, County Lines.**

#### Lancaster

**GIBRALTAR, 931 Harrisburg Pk. 717-397-2790; GibraltarGrille.com.** Lancaster's top Zagat rated restaurant. Fresh seafood arriving daily from all over the world. Menu selections change weekly and are served with flair, with an emphasis on originality and creativity, along with their Wine Spectator award-winning wine list. Upscale casual. Seasonal outdoor dining; Aqua Bar is open for cocktails before and after dinner. Live music on Fri-Sat. Lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; dinner, Mon-Sat, 5 to 10; Sun, 4:30 to 9:30. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**LANCASTER BREWING COMPANY, 302 N. Plum St. 717-391-6258; LancasterBrewing.com.** An award-winning restaurant inside a real working microbrewery in Lancaster. They offer a creative, North American cuisine as well as freshly brewed beer with over 10 beers on tap all the time. The rustic ambience of the historic tobacco warehouse and wonderful menu selection make for a memorable dining experience when visiting Lancaster. Open Sun-Thurs, 11:30 to midnight; Fri-Sat, 11:30 to 2 am. Major cards.

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**THE PRESSROOM, 26-28 W. King St. 717-399-5400; PressroomRestaurant.com.** A modern American bistro with high ceilings, a curved marble bar and Amish woodwork throughout. Daily specials and a wide variety of vegetarian dishes are offered. Casual. Open Mon-Sat for lunch, 11:30 to 3; dinner, Tues-Thurs, 5 to 9:30, Fri-Sat, 5 to 10:30; Sun, 5 to 9. Seasonal outdoor dining on a gorgeous terrace. **Best of the Best '05 through '09, County Lines.**

®**STOCKYARD INN, 1147 Lititz Pk. 717-394-7975; StockyardInn.com.** Built in 1750 and owned by James Buchanan, elegantly restored, and serving the finest steaks, chops, prime rib, fresh seafood and chef's daily specials. They are well known for their warm spirit of generous hospitality, combining Old-World charm with contemporary American cuisine. Business casual. Open for lunch, Tues-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; dinner, Mon-Sat, 4 to 9. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

®**STRAWBERRY HILL, 128 W. Strawberry St. (Strawberry, Mulberry & Vine). 717-393-5544; StrawberryHillRestaurant.com.** Dinner at this elegant but casual restaurant, housed in a stately 1880s-Victorian building, is truly a unique experience. The cuisine ranges from traditional to innovative modern offerings of extraordinary quality and presentation. They have 1100 or more selections of wine, and will schedule wine dinners and tastings. Upscale casual. Open daily, 5 to 10. D-\$15-\$32. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06, '07, '08, County Lines.**

**SYMPOSIUM MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT, 125 S. Centerville Rd. 717-391-7656; Symposium-Restaurant.com.** Artwork decorates the walls of this gem of a restaurant, which serves American dishes with a Mediterranean flair. Daily lunch and dinner specials; live music on Thurs-Sat. Upscale casual. Open Mon-Thurs 11 am to midnight and 1 am on Fri & Sat. Closed Sunday. L-\$6.95-\$10.95; D-\$9.95-\$26.95. Major cards.

**WILLOW VALLEY PALM COURT, 2416 Willow Street Pk. 717-464-2711; WillowValley.com.** Fresh flowers, linen-draped tables, palm trees and the elegant ambience of the courtyard make Sunday brunch here special. Breakfast favorites are offered along with waffles and omelettes which are made to order. Casual. Sundays, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm, \$23.99; children 6-12, \$12.99; ages 3-5, \$5.99; under 3, free. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05, '06, '07, County Lines.**

#### Leola

®**RESTAURANT MAZZI, 46 Deborah Dr. 717-656-8983; RestaurantMazzi.com.** Rustic Italian and French-influenced cuisine is served in an atmosphere reminiscent of a European restaurant. They prepare their food with the freshest ingredients from many Lancaster County artisan farmers and



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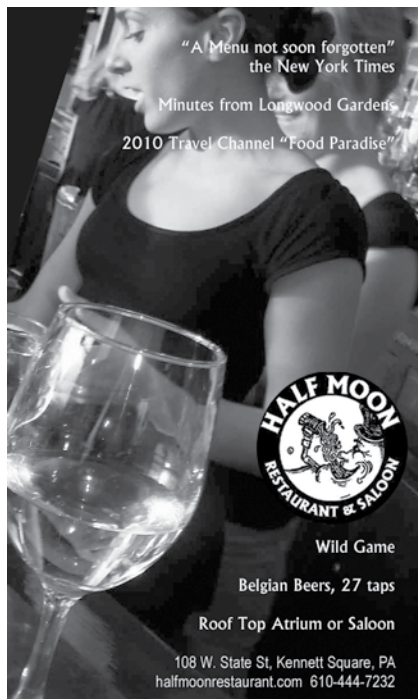
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vendors. One of their specialties is the antipasti, served on a "hog cart" that is wheeled through the dining room. Upscale casual. Serving dinner daily from 5:30. \$17-\$42. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05, '06, '07, '10, County Lines.**

## Lititz

®THE BRICKERVILLE HOUSE, Rts. 501 & 322, 5 mi. N. of Lititz. 717-626-0377. This 17th-century inn boasts casual dining in country ambiance with four dining rooms. Serving generous American sandwiches, fresh quiche, crêpes, fresh seafood. Lunch, Mon, 10 to 3; lunch and dinner, Tues-Fri, 10 to 8; Sat, lunch 8 to 3. Sandwiches \$4.25-\$7.50, entrées, \$10.95-\$12.95. Private parties for 30-100.

## Malvern

ANTHONY'S PIZZA & ITALIAN RESTAURANT, 127 W. King St. 610-647-7400; [AnthonysItalian-Restaurant.com](http://AnthonysItalian-Restaurant.com). A neighborhood favorite serving classic Italian specialties including chicken, veal and pasta dishes. BYO. Casual. Open 7 days, 10 to 10. \$5-\$20. All major cards.

BUNHA FAUN, 152 Lancaster Pk. 610-651-2836; [BunhaFaun.net](http://BunhaFaun.net). Very good French cuisine at this little spot on Rt. 30 in Frazer. The menu does not change often and is consistently good. Sun-Thurs, 5 to 9, Fri-Sat, 5 to 10. D-\$15-\$30. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05, '06, '10, '11, County Lines.**

CATALINA'S RESTAURANTE, 218 E. King St. 610-408-0245; [CatalinasRestaurante.com](http://CatalinasRestaurante.com). This charming, cozy restaurant in the heart of Malvern needs to be on the short list of restaurants to dine or lunch in soon. There is a European atmosphere here, and they serve Mediterranean-American cuisine with fresh fish and meat specials daily. Lunch Mon-Sat, 11 to 2:30; dinner, Thurs-Sat, 5 to 10. L-\$12-\$15; D-\$20-\$35. V, MC.

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CLASSIC DINER, 352 W. Lancaster Ave. 610-725-0515; [TheClassicDinerPA.com](http://TheClassicDinerPA.com). Don't be fooled by the old building — once you enter, the clean, classy lines define this upscale diner serving gourmet breakfast and lunch (the omelettes are absolutely amazing). BYO. Casual. daily soup specials. Open 7 days from 6 am to 3 pm. Breakfast-\$5-\$15; L-\$8-\$20. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '11, County Lines.**

®HISTORIC GENERAL WARREN INNE, 9 Old Lancaster Rd. 610-296-3637; [GeneralWarren.com](http://GeneralWarren.com). A charming 18th-century country inn serving Continental/American cuisine. All items prepared to order. They serve fresh fish, steaks and veal; served tableside at dinner are Dover Sole, Chateaubriand, Caesar Salad and Steak au Poivre. Private parties and weddings are a specialty. Guest suites available. Lunch: Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30. Dinner: Mon-Sat, 5 to 10. L-\$10-\$16.50; D-\$24-\$37. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

THE HUNT ROOM AT THE DESMOND GREAT VALLEY, 1 Liberty Blvd., Rt. 29 near Rt. 202. 610-296-9800; [DesmondGV.com](http://DesmondGV.com). Casual-but-elegant ambiance with a beautiful view. Innovative American regional cuisine, seafood and prime rib. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch. Outdoor dining May-Sept. Offering a 3-course Prix Fixe dinner, \$26.95, daily. Major cards.

MANDARIN RESTAURANT, 190 Lancaster Pk. 610-647-5488; [MargaretKuo.com](http://MargaretKuo.com). The atmosphere here is contemporary Oriental and the cuisine is classic Chinese, specializing in Peking duck and fresh fish, and they also have a Sushi Bar. Dim Sum Lunch served every Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 to 3. Open 7 days. Casual. L-\$6.95-\$10.95; D-\$10.95-\$16.95. Major cards.

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RESTAURANT ALBA, 7 W. King St. 610-644-4009; [RestaurantAlba.com](http://RestaurantAlba.com). The atmosphere here is elegant yet comfortable, with an open kitchen, warm earth tones and tablecloths, reminiscent of a European bistro. They serve regional Italian cuisine with Mediterranean influences, and the seasonal menu changes monthly. They now have

a full liquor license, with an all-Italian wine list and interesting, hard to find wines. Upscale casual. Dinner Tues-Sat, lunch Thurs-Fri; available for private parties Sun-Mon. D-\$19-\$29. V, MC. **Best of the Best '06, '08, '09, '10, '11, County Lines.**

THE PUB AT WEGMAN'S, 50 Foundry Way. 484-913-9600; [Wegmans.com](http://Wegmans.com). See listing under Downton, PA. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

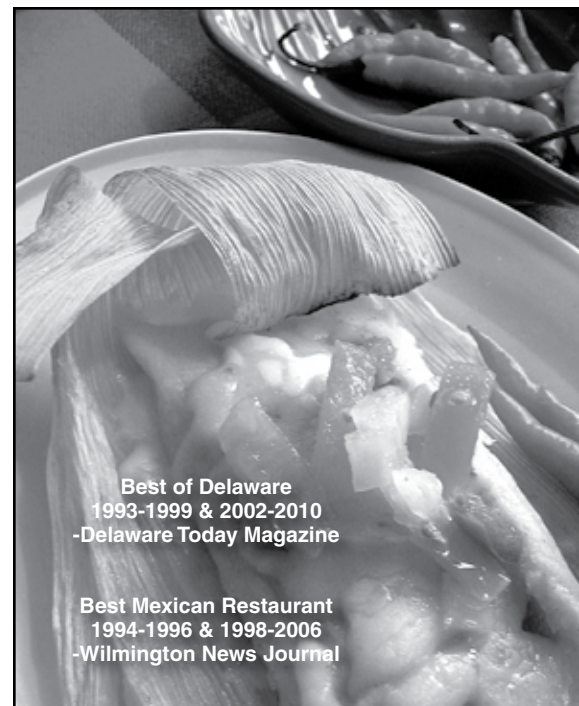
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IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT, 30 E. State St. 610-627-9000; [IronHillBrewery.com](http://IronHillBrewery.com). See listing under West Chester. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

KILDARE'S IRISH PUB, 1145 W. Baltimore Pk. 610-565-8886; [KildaresPub.com](http://KildaresPub.com). See listing under West Chester. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

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**D'IGNAZIO'S TOWNE HOUSE, corner of Baltimore Pk. & Veterans Sq. 610-566-6141; TowneHouse.com.** This restaurant is a Delaware County tradition. Antiques and curios hang from every conceivable surface. Cooking mainly American/Italian. Specials: Mon, pasta entrées \$10.99, Tues, Sun, specials, \$15.99. Recession Buster dinners, Mon-Fri, 40% off dinner menu before 5 pm. Casual. Open 7 days. L-\$4-\$7; D-\$10-\$20. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05, County Lines.**

### Mendenhall

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### Newtown Square

**PARKER'S PRIME, 4755 West Chester Pk. 610-353-5353; ParkersPrime.com.** A newly opened American-style steakhouse with a modern twist in a casual, contemporary setting. Serving lunch Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 3; dinner Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri-Sat, 5 to 11; Sun, 4:30 to 9. Major cards.

®**THE NEWTOWN GRILL, 191 S. Newtown Street Rd., Rt. 252, 1/2 mi. S. of Rt. 3. 610-356-9700; ItalianSteakHouse.com.** Fine dining offering a unique menu blending the best of the Italian cuisine and the exceptional quality of Certified Angus Beef. Upscale casual. **Best of the Best '05, County Lines.**

**TEIKOKU, 5492 West Chester Pk. 610-644-8270; TeikokuRestaurant.com.** This beautiful restaurant with Asian-inspired décor offers outstanding contemporary Asian cuisine at affordable prices. Private dining room seats 10; outdoor deck seats 30. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. L-\$4-\$20; D-\$4-\$25; Brunch, \$11-\$16. Major cards. Happy hour, Mon-Fri, 4:30 to 6:30, with specially priced small plates, sushi and drink specials. **Best of the Best '05, '06, '07, '08, '10, '11, County Lines.**

### Paoli

**LE SAIGON RESTAURANT, 82 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-889-4870; LeSaigon.com.** Casual, comfortable dining. Authentic Vietnamese cuisine with a French flair. They offer a daily lunch and dinner special, weekly chef specials and full carryout service. Open weekdays 11:30 to 9. (Fri until 10), Sat 12-10. Private parties available on Sunday, phone for reservations and information. Entrées \$8.95-\$14.95. BYO. No credit cards. **Best of the Best '05, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, County Lines.**

**TRATTORIA SAN NICOLA, 4 Manor Rd. 610-695-8990; SanNicola.net.** Authentic Italian cuisine meets the arts in a unique, old-world environment offering fine food and beverages complemented by original artwork and lovely decor. Daily specials for lunch and dinner. Open for lunch Mon-Fri; dinner, Mon-Sun. L-\$9-\$14; D-\$12-\$22. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06, '07, '08, County Lines.**

**WABI SABI JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR, 1776 E. Lancaster Ave., Paoli Plaza, 610-296-8100; WabiSabiPaoli.com.** The atmosphere here has Asian emphasis with simple,

lovely décor. Serving sushi, Hibachi and Teppanyaki fare prepared with many flourishes by the chef in front of you and classic Chinese cuisine at Garnian Wa, which is also located within Wabi SABI. Casual. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner. L-\$5-\$12.95; D-\$12.95-\$29.95. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05, County Lines.**

### Phoenixville

®**BECCA'S RESTAURANT, 19 S. Whitehorse Rd. 484-924-8502; BeccasRestaurant.com.** Located in historic Chester County, on an 18th-century property that according to local historians is believed to have been a stop for the Underground Railroad. They offer a true seasonal menu featuring organic and locally grown products. The restaurant is BYOB and Chef Robert invites you to pair your favorite bottle of wine and join them for an exciting culinary experience. Open for lunch, Wed-Sat, 11:30 to 2; dinner, Wed-Fri, 5:30 to 9, Sat, 5:30 to 10; Sun brunch, 10 to 2. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

**BLACK LAB BISTRO, 248 Bridge St. 610-935-5988; BlackLabBistro.net.** Fine food in a relaxed setting with a New York bistro look. The cuisine is American casual contemporary. Daily specials. Open Tues-Sat for lunch, 11:30 to 2, and dinner Tues-Sun 5 to 10. Major cards except Dis. **Best of the Best '06, '07, County Lines.**

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**IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT, 130 E. Bridge St. 610-983-9333; IronHillBrewery.com.** See listing under West Chester. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**MAJOLICA, 258 Bridge St. 610-917-0962; MajolicaRestaurant.com.** New American cuisine with a French influence is beautifully presented at this jewel of a restaurant. The atmosphere is warm and inviting and the décor is simple yet elegant. All menu items are made in-house (except the cheese and bread). Upscale casual. Dinner Tues-Sat. D-1st course: \$8-\$15; 2nd course: \$20-\$24; 3rd course: \$7-\$15. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '11, County Lines.**

**SEVEN STARS INN, 263 Hoeffcker Rd. 610-495-5205; SevenStarsInn.com.** This warm and charming 200-year-old Chester County inn offers a traditional steakhouse menu serving overly generous portions of the finest beef, veal and seafood in a careful and gracious white-tablecloth atmosphere. The house specialty is a Roast Western Prime Rib that is 32 to 40 oz. and slow roasted all day. Tues-Thurs are BYO nights with no corkage fee. Upscale casual. Dinner, Tues-Sun. D-\$20-\$40. Major cards. **Best of the Best '10, County Lines.**

**THAI L'ELEPHANT, 301 Bridge St. 610-935-8613; ThaiElephant.com.** Visit them at their new location and experience the flavor and excitement of Thai cuisine with a French flair in an authentic atmosphere with antique Thai décor. Their lunch special, Mon-Sat, includes soup, appetizer, entrée starting at \$8.95. Lunch, Mon-Sat, 11:30 to 3. Dinner, Sun-Thurs, 5 to 9; Fri-Sat, 5 to 10. L-\$7.95-\$10.95; D-10.95-\$20.95. Major cards.

#### Pine Forge

**GRACIE'S 21st CENTURY CAFÉ & CATERING, 1534 Manatawny Rd. 610-323-4004; Gracies21st-Century.com.** Eclectic décor with original artwork throughout this historic, 1710 building, recently gone Green with cork and bamboo flooring. The food is best described as modern, multi-cultural with attention to greening, using organics and wild-caught fish and local produce when available. Dinner Wed-Sat (other days and luncheon by reservation). \$28-\$42. Major cards. **Best of the Best '09, County Lines.**

#### Pottstown

**ANGELINA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN, 864 E. High St. 610-705-1833.** Classic Italian cuisine is served at this BYO located next to The Hill School in Pottstown. They also offer catering for small and large events. Lunch Tues-Sat, 11 to 3; dinner Wed-Thurs 4:30 to 9; Fri-Sat, 4:30 to 10.

**FUNKY LIL' KITCHEN, 232 King St. 610-326-7400; FunkyLilKitchen.com.** This sleek yet intimate 28-seat BYO, specializing in Modern American cui-

sine and offering seasonal menus, is reminiscent of a Center City-style bistro. They also have a seasonal 18-seat outdoor courtyard. Upscale casual. Tues-Sat, 5 to 9. App-\$7-\$10; D-\$19-\$24. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06, '07, County Lines.**

#### Radnor

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**SUSANNA FOO GOURMET KITCHEN, 555 East Lancaster Ave. 610-688-8808; SusannaFoo.com.** Susanna Foo has opened a sleek, chic spot while creating a family-friendly atmosphere. A 27-foot bar, great for cocktails, is also where you can find her "Asian tapas." Dumplings are the house specialty. Business casual. Serving lunch Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; Sat-Sun, noon to 3; dinner, Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri-Sat, 5 to 11; Sun, 4 to 9. Happy hour, Mon-Fri, 4:30 to 6:30. Major cards. **Best of the Best '07, '08, '09, County Lines.**

#### Reading

**GREEN HILLS INN, 2444 Morgantown Rd., Rt. 10. 610-777-9611; GreenHillsInn.com.** Delightful country inn serving fine contemporary French/American cuisine. Seasonal menu. Heart-healthy items always available on request. Casual to dressy. Closed Sunday. Open for dinner, \$17.95-\$28.50. Major cards. "Consistently marvelous." Zagat Guide. **Best of the Best '05, through '10, County Lines.**

#### St. Davids

**GLENMORGAN BAR & GRILL, 593 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-341-3188; Glenmorgan.com.** Contemporary and refreshing atmosphere, perfect for enjoying classic cocktails and spirited American cuisine. They have a 28-seat oval bar, half-price Happy Hour offerings Mon-Fri, 5 to 7 pm. Specialties include the Glenmorgan Salad and Potato Crusted Flounder. L-\$8-\$12; D-\$24-\$26. Major cards.

**THE RADNOR HOTEL, 591 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-341-3188; RadnorHotel.com.** The Champagne Sunday Brunch in the Terrace Room is a special treat offering fresh seafood, pasta, hand-carved roasts, salads and featuring a premium Belgian chocolate fountain dessert. Upscale casual. Sun, 10 to 2, reservations strongly recommended. \$27.95 adults, children under 12, \$13.95. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '08, County Lines.**

#### St. Peter's Village

**THE INN AT ST. PETER'S VILLAGE, 3471 St. Peter's Rd. 610-469-2600; InnAtSaintPeters.com.** Fine dining featuring organic fare with a French influence. Wed-Sat, 6 to 10; Sun brunch, 11 to 3. Fox Bar, Tues-Fri, 5 to 7 pm. D-\$23-\$38. Banquet/catering rooms for up to 150. Major cards. The Inn has 7 beautiful guest-rooms for a lovely getaway. **Best of the Best '07, '08, County Lines.**

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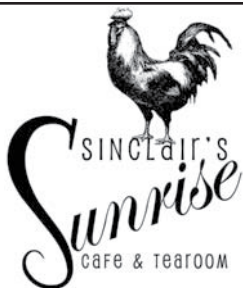
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### Strasburg

®**IRON HORSE INN, 135 E. Main St. 717-687-6362.** Fine dining in a casual atmosphere offering American/Eclectic cuisine such as certified Angus beef and crab cakes. Specials include: Prime Rib on Mon, buy one get one 1/2 off; Wed, Pasta Night; delicious homemade soups. Open for lunch and dinner, Mon, Wed, 12 to 9; Thurs-Sat, 12 to 10. Sun, 12 to 7. Closed Tues. L-\$6-\$12; D-\$10-\$35. Major cards.

### Thornton

®**PACE ONE RESTAURANT & COUNTRY INN, Concord-Thornton & Glen Mills Rds. 610-459-3702; PaceOne.net.** Located in a renovated field-stone barn in the heart of downtown Thornton. Daily specials, a \$45 prix fixe dinner on Tues evenings, light fare and live music on Fri. Upscale casual. Lunch Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2, dinner, Mon-Sat, 5:30 to 10; Sun, 4:30 to 8:30; Sun brunch, 11 to 3. L-\$8-\$16; D-\$12-\$30. Major cards.

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### Villanova

**AZIE ON MAIN, 789 East Lancaster Ave. 610-527-5700; AzieOnMain.com.** Creative contemporary Asian cuisine with global influences ranging from France to Italy and beyond. Outdoor dining, sake selections, wine and beer from around the world make this the new "in" place to be. Serving lunch Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 3; Sun brunch, 11 to 3; dinner, Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri-Sat, 5 to 11; Sun, 5 to 9. Bar/lounge is open until 1 am. Major cards. **Best of the Best '10, '11, County Lines.**

### Wayne

**A TASTE OF BRITAIN WITH EASY ELEGANCE, Eagle Village Shops, 503 West Lancaster Ave. 610-971-0390; EasyElegance.net.** A charming, cozy tea shop offering Full Afternoon Tea and light fare lunches. Private parties welcome on Sunday. Wide selection of loose-leaf teas, imported British foods, beverages and fine china. Pasties, pot pies, scones,

tea sandwiches and pastries plus much more are available for take out. Visit their web site for special dinners. BYO. Open Mon-Wed, 10 to 5; Thurs-Sat, 10 to 9; Sun, private parties. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '09, County Lines.**

**FLAVOR, 372 W. Lancaster Ave. 610-688-5853; FlavorWayne.com.** Inspired Thai and Pan Asian cuisine is served in this elegantly casual restaurant decorated with dark woods, red-shaded lamps and natural touches. There is also a large bar with plasma TV. Lunch, Mon-Sat, 11:30 to 3; dinner Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri-Sat, 5 to 10:30; Sun, 4:30 to 9:30. L-\$4-\$11; D-\$-\$20.

**HANA, 387 W. Lancaster Ave. (across from the front entrance of the Stratford Farmers Market). 610-687-3320; HanaWayne.com.** Here you can enjoy traditional favorites for lunch and dinner at the Main Line's original Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar. Sashimi and sushi, prepared by a Tokyo-trained chef, are served in an intimate dining room or at the Sushi bar. BYO. Prices vary; lots of macrobiotic offerings. Lunch Tues-Fri, dinner, Tues-Sun. D-\$13-\$24. **Best of the Best '06 through '11, County Lines.**

**MARGARET KUO'S WAYNE, 175 E. Lancaster Ave. 610-688-7200; MargaretKuos.com.** The ambiance at this multi-floored restaurant is sophisticated Asian. Business casual. There are 3 bars and special menu offerings daily. Open 7 days: Mon-Thurs, 11:30 to 10; Fri-Sat, 11:30 to 11; Sun, 12 to 10. L-\$8.95-\$15.95; D-\$12-\$29. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '11, County Lines.**

**THE PADDOCK AT DEVON, 629 W. Lancaster Ave. 610-687-3533; DevonPaddock.com.** Classic Continental menu at this restaurant with a casual setting in an Old-World rustic style. They offer daily chef and cocktail specials. Upscale casual dress. L-\$15; D-\$18; Brunch-\$20. MC, V. **Best of the Best '10, County Lines.**

**RISTORANTE PRIMAVERA, 384 W. Lancaster Ave. 610-254-0200.** The warmth of traditional Italian décor and northern Italian cuisine make this a truly pleasing adventure in eating. Specialties of the house include veal, pasta, seafood and daily specials. Casual. Open for lunch Mon-Fri; dinner, Mon-Sun. L-D: \$4.75-\$26.00. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06, through '09, County Lines.**

**THE SILVER SPOON RESTAURANT, 503 W. Lancaster Ave., Eagle Village. 610-688-7646; SilverSpoonWayne.com.** Contemporary American cuisine in a casual, French bouchon-style atmosphere that is sun-drenched during the day and candle-lit at night. World Tour Wednesdays offers a tasting menu featuring a 4-course dinner, \$35, with the menu changing weekly as their chefs take you on a culinary tour around the globe. Daily chefs specials. BYOB. Breakfast and lunch, Mon-Fri, 9 to 4; dinner, Tues-Sat, 5:30 to 10; brunch, Sat-Sun, 10 to 3. L-\$7-\$15; D-\$17-\$27; Brunch-\$7-\$21. Major cards. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

**TERESA'S CAFE, 124 N. Wayne Ave. 610-293-9909; Teresas-Cafe.com.** Italian bistro fare is served in a quaint, modern setting with dark walls and glowing pizza oven in the back. BYO for wine

only; wine and beer are available for purchase. Lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 3; dinner Mon-Sat, 5 to 10, Sun, 4:30 to 9. D-\$15-\$29. Major cards.

**TERESA'S NEXT DOOR, 126 N. Wayne Ave. 610-293-0119; Teresas-Cafe.com.** This bistro-style restaurant serves food with a Belgian influence. Specials include Buck-A-Shuck Oysters on Mon, \$10 wine flights on Sun-Mon and Tasty Tuesday offering food/pairing menu. Happy hour, Mon-Fri, 4 to 6. Open Mon-Thurs, 4 pm to 1 am; Fri-Sat, 11:30 to 1 am; Sun brunch at 11 am, open until 1 am. D-\$15-\$29; Brunch, \$6-\$15. Major cards. **Best of the Best '08 through '11, County Lines.**

**WHITE DOG CAFE, 200 W. Lancaster Ave. 610-225-3700; WhiteDog.com/Wayne.** The chef here buys only the freshest meat, poultry and fish from farms, ranches and fisheries that are guided by principles of sustainability. His menu changes often according to seasonal availability. Open for lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; dinner, Mon-Thurs, 5:30 to 10; Fri-Sat, 5 to 10:30; Sun, 5 to 9; brunch, Sat-Sun, 10:30 to 2:30. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

### West Chester

®**BLUE PEAR BISTRO, 275 Brinton Bridge Rd. 610-399-9812; BluePearBistro.com.** Adjacent to the Dilworthtown Inn, The Blue Pear Bistro is a modern American bistro that features playfully delicious comfort foods. Comprised of small and medium plates, the menu mirrors the changing seasons with fresh, locally grown and raised ingredients. Mon-Sat, 4 to midnight; dinner begins at 5. Reservations suggested. Smoke-free with an outdoor smoking patio. Casual. Major cards. **Best of the Best '09, '11, County Lines.**

®**DILWORTH TOWN INN, Old Wilmington Pk. 610-399-1390; Dilworthtown.com.** This award-winning restaurant is known for candlelight dining and is listed by the Zagat Survey as an acknowledged "class" act where "elegance" is matched with "exquisite cuisine," a "superb wine list" and "unobtrusive" service. Banquets for up to 60. Proper attire. Reservations required. Serving dinner daily, 5:30 to 9:30; Sat, 5 to 10 pm; Sun, 3 to 9. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

®**GILMORE'S, 133 E. Gay St. 610-431-2800; GilmoresRestaurant.com.** A beautifully transformed 1890s townhouse sets the scene for a casual yet elegant dining experience highlighted by superb service. The creative menu features everything from steaks to seafood, all enhanced with outstanding sauces. BYO. Casual. Open for dinner, Tues-Sat. V, MC. "As imaginative as it is spectacular." Zagat. **Best of the Best '05, through '11, County Lines.**

**HIGH STREET CAFFÉ, 322 S. High St. 610-696-7435; HighStreetCaffe.com.** Best recognized for its Cajun, Creole and exotic cuisine, the funky-eclectic atmosphere here has been a favorite in Chester County for nearly 15 years. Specials change often, and dishes range from seafood and meat to Vegan. Three-course Prix Fixe dinner Sun-Thurs, \$30. Lunch Tues-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; dinner, Tues-Sat, 5:30 to 10, Sun. Evening Jazz Dinner, 5 to 9. L-\$5.95-\$14.95; D-\$15-\$30. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**



**IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT, 3 W. Gay St. 610-738-9600; IronHillBrewery.com.** New American cuisine and award-winning handcrafted ales and lagers are served in a setting of rich, mahogany walls, copper vaulted ceilings, iron accents and an open kitchen — all creating a warm, comfortable atmosphere. Signature dishes include Tex-Mex egg-rolls, salmon specials and Shrimp Lejon gourmet pizza. Semi-private banquet room available. Daily from 11 am. "Call-aheads" accepted. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**LIMONCELLO RISTORANTE, 9 N. Walnut St. 610-436-6230; LimoncelloWC.com.** Serving Southern Italian cuisine in the heart of historic downtown West Chester, now featuring a full service bar. The dining area provides a charming atmosphere for private functions and banquets. Offering a prix fixe menu Mon-Wed; lunch buffet Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2:30; BYO, Sun, Mon, Tues with \$5 corkage fee. Open daily for lunch and dinner, Sun, 4 to 9 for dinner. L-\$7.95-\$18; D-\$10-\$26. All major cards. **Best of the Best '08, '10, '11, County Lines.**

**JAZMINE RESTAURANT, 344 W. Gay St. 610-696-3332; JazmineThai.com.** Jazmine Thai has a warm and inviting atmosphere coupled with delectable, authentic Thai cuisine like their Tum Yum Soup and Veggie Lover entrée as well as delightful cocktails. Come experience the joy that is dining at Jazmine! Mon-Fri, 11 to 3; dinner 5 to 10; Sat-Sun, 3 to 10. Lunch special, \$9.99; D-\$6-\$25. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

**KILDARE'S, 18-22 W. Gay St. 610-431-0770; KildaresPub.com.** Authentic Irish pub with traditional Irish food, spirits and music. Entrée specialties include Salmon Boxty's, Guinness Beef Stew, Beer Battered Fish & Chips and a Carvery. Seasonal outdoor dining on the street or patio. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner, Sun brunch starting at 10 am. L-D-\$5.95-\$22.95. Major cards. Also located in King of Prussia and Manayunk. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**LA TOLTECA, 907 S. High St. 610-429-8101; LaTolteca.com.** Mexican and Tex-Mex cuisine is served in the bright and colorful BYO. Lunch and dinner specials; Fajitas and Ribs made with green salsa are popular items. Casual. Mon-Thurs, 11 to 10; Fri-Sat, 11 to 10:30; Sun, 11 to 9. L-\$5.50-\$7.75; D-\$7.99-\$15.75. Major cards. **Best of the Best '07 through '11, County Lines.**

**THE LINCOLN ROOM, 28 W. Market St. 610-696-2102; LincolnRoomWestChester.com.** Classic American tea room fare served in an intimate and charming historic room, circa 1833, that includes fireplace, molded tin ceiling and classic painted bead board walls. Specialties include: Tea for Two: 2 plates of tea sandwiches, a plate of sample desserts and a pot of tea. Signature dish: Croissant Bread Pudding. Tues-Sat 10 to 2. Reservations recommended. Major cards. **Best of the Best '09, '10, '11, County Lines.**

**THE MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT, 150 W. Gay St. 610-431-7074; TheMedWCPA.com.** Quaint and cozy atmosphere in this 175-year-old building restored by the restaurant owners them-

selves. Serving Lebanese and Italian cuisine for lunch and dinner, Tues-Sun; closed Mon. They are a health-conscious and vegetarian-friendly restaurant, offering an express lunch menu and specials on locally grown vegetables when in season. L-\$8-\$10; D-\$18-\$24. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06 through '11, County Lines.**

**MYTHOS RESTAURANT, 2 Waterview Rd. 484-887-0513; MythosGreekRestaurant.com.** Straight from the heart, authentic Greek cuisine at a reasonable price. Mythos offers an enormous array of options and warm service in a colorful setting of bold paintings representing the sunny islands in the Aegean Sea. BYOB. Open Tues-Thurs, Sun, 11 to 10; Fri-Sat, 11 to 11; closed Mon. L-\$6-\$12; D-\$12-\$18. **Best of the Best '11, County Lines.**

**NORTHBROOK MARKETPLACE, 1805 Unionville-Wawaset Rd. 610-793-1210; NorthbrookMarketplace.com.** Chef's Table dinners serving locally-inspired New American cuisine at a 22-seat farm table in the loft above the market. The nine-course tasting menus range widely, from seafoods to meats. Reservations required. Tues-Sat seatings, 6:30 pm. D, MC, V. **Best of the Best '09, County Lines.**

**RYAN'S PUB, 124 W. Gay St. 610-344-3934; Ryans-Pub.com.** Casual dining in a cozy pub atmosphere featuring unique appetizers, burgers, traditional Irish fare, steaks and seafood. They have 6 large TV's, 2 bars, a billiard room and a smoke-free dining room. Open daily for lunch and dinner until 10 pm. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**SEÑORAS AUTHENTIC MEXICAN CUISINE, 505 E. Gay St. 610-344-4950.** This award-winning restaurant provides a warm, friendly atmosphere for the entire family. You will love their authentic, fresh and delicious offerings. Casual. BYO. Daily specials offered. Mon-Thurs, 11 to 9; Fri-Sat, 11 to 10; closed Sun. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**SIMON PEARCE, 1333 Lenape Rd. 610-793-0949; SimonPearce.com.** At Simon Pearce on the Brandywine, the handcrafting traditions of their tableware company are brought to life on the plate in the form of pure flavors and innovative dishes inspired by the seasons and harvests of their surrounding region. From farm to table to fork, everything at Simon Pearce on the Brandywine is handcrafted by artisans. Open for lunch Mon-Sat; dinner 7 days and Sun brunch. L-\$11-\$16; D-\$19-\$31; Brunch-\$10-\$16. Major cards. **Best of the Best '06, through '11, County Lines.**

West Grove

**TWELVES GRILL & CAFE, 10 Exchange Place. 610-869-4020; TwelvesGrill.com.** Unique New American cuisine is served here, in an 1883 building that was once a bank, a post office, a library, a power station and a jail to name a few past lives. They combine modern dishes with local flare and feature fresh, local and organic ingredients. The café offers a variety of espresso drinks and housemade baked goods. Special offerings on the 12th of each month. Open Tues-Sat, café at 9 am; lunch, 11:30 to 2:30; dinner, 5 to 9. L-\$8-



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#### DELAWARE

##### Centreville

©BUCKLEY'S TAVERN, Rt. 52, 5812 Kennett Pk. 302-656-9776; BuckleysTavern.net. Casual dining in a charming country inn with imaginative American food and an excellent beer and wine selection. Outdoor dining May-Sept. Open 7 days for lunch, dinner and Sun brunch. L-\$6.95-\$11.95; D-\$11.95-\$19.95; Brunch-\$5.95-\$13.95. Sat-Sun, breakfast \$7-\$10. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05, '07 through '11, County Lines.**

##### Montchanin

©KRAZY KAT'S, at the Inn at Montchanin Village, Rt. 100 & Kirk Rd. (4 mi. NW of Wilmington) 302-888-4200; Montchanin.com/KrazyKats.html. Known for its stunning, contemporary décor, creative cuisine specializing in local, fresh ingredients and excellent wine list. Group meetings and private dining for up to 35 available. Also, 28 guest rooms and suites and The Spa at Montchanin is now open. Lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2; dinner, Mon-Sun, 5:30 to 9:30. Breakfast daily and Sun brunch. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

##### New Castle

©JESSOP'S TAVERN & COLONIAL RESTAURANT, 114 Delaware St. 302-322-6111. This cozy, colonial English pub serves American and English fare with Dutch and Swedish influences. Their specialties are crab cakes, fish and chips, shepherd's pie, and smorgasbord. Casual. Open 7 days. L-\$5.95-\$16.95; D-\$10.95-\$21.95. Major cards. For private parties phone 302-328-6111 for details.

##### Newark

**IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT, 147 E. Main St. 302-266-9000; IronHillBrewery.com.** (See their listing under West Chester, PA). **Best of the Best '05, through '11, County Lines.**

##### Wilmington

**DEEP BLUE BAR AND GRILL, 111 W. 11th St. 302-777-2040; DeepBlueBarAndGrill.com.** A hot spot for seafood aficionados, featuring fresh fish and shellfish, raw oysters, a contemporary seasonal menu and award-winning wine list. Great pre-theater stop. Lunch, Mon-Fri, until 2 in the dining room, and until 5 in the lounge. Dinner

Mon-Sat, 5:30 to 10 or later. **Best of the Best '07, '08, '11, County Lines.**

**DOMAINE HUDSON WINE BAR & EATERY, 1314 N. Washington St. 302-655-9463; Domaine-Hudson.com.** Upscale wine bistro with focus on a wide assortment of reasonably priced wines for your food and wine pairings. Menu offers small and large plate entrées for a variety of samplings. Dinner, Mon-Sat; 4:30 to 10:30 pm. **Best Wine Bar 2006, Philadelphia Magazine; Best of the Best '07 through '11, County Lines.**

**ECLIPSE BISTRO, 1020 N. Union St. 302-658-1588; EclipseBistro.com.** New York-style bistro serving eclectic American fare in an intimate setting with tile floors and bright colors. Open for lunch, Mon-Fri, 11:30 to 2; dinner, Mon-Sat, 5:30 to 10; Sun, 5 to 9; late night menu, Fri-Sat, 10 to 1 am. L-\$8-\$16; D-\$19-\$25. Major cards. **Best of the Best '08, County Lines.**

**HARRY'S SEAFOOD GRILL, 101 S. Market St. 302-777-1500; Harrys-Savoy.com.** This casual chic restaurant is the area's big fish in the seafood world. The raw bar offers 10-plus oyster varieties and sashimi/ceviche offerings. Also offered are 75 wines by the glass. They are open for lunch, Mon-Sat, 11 to 3; dinner, Mon-Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri, 5 to 11; Sat, 4:30 to 11; Sun, 12 to 9; light fare menu between and after set meal periods. **Best of the Best '07 through '11, County Lines.**

**HOTEL du PONT, 11th & Market Streets. 302-594-3154; HotelduPont.com/Dining/Green-Room.com.** — **THE GREEN ROOM.** Exquisite cuisine, impeccable service and lush décor combine to create a truly memorable dining experience. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sun brunch. L-\$11 to \$22; D-\$29 to \$45; Brunch-\$38. Major cards. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**IRON HILL BREWERY & RESTAURANT, 710 S. Madison St. 302-472-2739; IronHillBrewery.com.** See their listing under Media, PA. **Best of the Best '05 through '11, County Lines.**

**MIKIMOTOS ASIAN GRILL & SUSHI BAR, 1212 Washington St., 302-656-8638; Mikimotos.com.** Contemporary Asian cuisine in a casual, sophisticated atmosphere. Extensive selection of sake and wine. The "Asian Grill" creations make up a broad menu of filet mignon, rack of lamb, roasted salmon and more. The sushi bar features fresh, inventive sushi, from rolls to sashimi. All menu items are available for take-out. Lunch Mon-Fri, dinner 7 nights: Mon-Thurs, 11 to 11; Fri, 11 to 12; Sat, 11:30 to 12; Sun, 4 to 10. **Best of the Best '06, County Lines.**

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### BEST MICROBREWERY

#### Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

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Brewmasters are king at these popular microbreweries, where contemporary American food and friendly staff reach royal levels, too. Brews shine in special events like a 5-course brewmaster's dinner where the Spiced Butternut Squash Soup was paired with nut brown ale, "English-style...with a slight roasty, nutty, malt flavor and well-balanced bitterness." Serious stuff. At each location, you'll find lagers, ales and porters freshly brewed on site, and special brews. Beyond designer pizzas, look for sophisticated entrées like Pan-roasted Duck Breast with goat cheese corncake, country-style spinach and black pepper-green peppercorn sauce or Pan-seared Scallops with lump crabmeat, asparagus, leek-and-tomato fricassée in Napa Valley chardonnay cream sauce. Servers happily suggest beer pairings.

### BEST BREWPUB

#### Victory Brewing

420 Acorn Ln., Downingtown  
610-873-0881 / VictoryBeer.com

Maybe Discovery Channel's new reality show "Brew Masters" features

Delaware's Dogfish Head Brewery, but Downingtown's Victory Brewery has a great story, too. With a Wikipedia entry, Beer Advocate A-rating, and top-beer accolades from the *New York Times*, this local brewery with a conscience (solar panels at the brewery plus sustainable practices) has a growing fan base in 23 states. Top ranked beers include Prima Pils, with snappy hoppiness (for extra happiness?), Hop Devil, which sets the standard for IPAs. The brewpub gets points for a strong menu of standards (Wings of Victory, pizzas, BBQ, burgers, fish & chips) and a seasonal menu (turkey pot pie; saffron, corn & bacon chowder). And a Brew Pub on wheels that serves 1,000!

### Another Favorite

#### Sly Fox Brewhouse & Eatery

520 Kimberton Rd. (Rt. 113),  
Phoenixville / 610-935-4540  
312 N. Lewis Rd., Royersford / 610-948-8088  
SlyFoxBeer.com

Celebrating 15 years of beer-making with a Brewmasters Brunch partnered with Majolica, another Phoenixville favorite, Sly Fox brews up an extensive assortment of seasonal, occasional and regularly available craft beers, with the Pikeland Pilsner, Rauchbier and Helles Lager garnering awards. For true local interest, try the Chester County Bitter or Rt. 113 IPA. The brewpub menu offers affordable fare, ranging from wings to prime rib to a healthy corner (a small space), and they're happy to help with food and beer pairings.

### BEST BEER SELECTION

#### Teresa's Next Door

126 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne  
610-293-0119 / Teresas-Cafe.com

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a man (or woman) in possession of a craft beer thirst must visit Teresa's Next Door. TND, to the beer-nocenti, is simply the best source of the best selection of the best craft beers served in the appropriate glass. This neighbor to Main Line mainstay Teresa's, celebrates the birthday of the pioneer of the modern craft beer movement (Sierra Nevada) and changes its draft

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#### BEST BAR FOR OVER 30s

##### Firecreek Restaurant & Bar

20 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown  
610-269-6000 / Firecreek-Restaurant.com

When the word bar is in the name, you expect attention will be paid to that part of the house. At Firecreek Restaurant & Bar, you'll find a lively bar scene in the converted paper mill on the banks of the Brandywine River. The solid menu promotes bar nibbling on starters such as the world-class fried calamari (with a pedigree from award-winning Chef Carlo Demarco's sister venue 333 Belrose in Radnor), pulled pork quesadillas and mussels. A full flight of specialty martinis – flirtini, skinny-tini, white chocolate-tini – complement the strong wine list. Add Jazz Thursdays, plus an inviting two-level patio for outdoor imbibing and it adds up to a civilized scene.

#### BEST BAR FOR UNDER 30s

##### Ryan's Pub

124 W. Gay St., West Chester  
610-344-3934 / Ryans-Pub.com

Every college town has a beloved spot like Ryan's Pub. In the heart of West Chester, this magnet for the 20-something crowd draws with big screen TVs, lots of drafts and bottle beers, nightly entertainment (DJs or live music, karaoke, Quizzo) and a pub-friendly menu (Pub Munchies, Pub Burgers, Pub Sandwiches, Pub Platters) and now a new \$5 lunch menu. Choose the lively bar, quieter second floor, rooftop deck for sun or stars, and outdoor dining when the weather is warm. All fun.

#### BEST IN LANCASTER COUNTY

##### Gibraltar Restaurant

931 Harrisburg Ave., Lancaster  
717-397-2790 / KearesRestaurants.com

Destination dining in Lancaster

means a visit to Gibraltar Restaurant, destination also for the best seafood around, where line-caught, wild fish is flown in daily. Elegant décor, extensive wine list, decadent desserts all add to your dining pleasure as you choose from among entrée categories for pasta, terra and aqua. Chef Carl Vitale's prior work with Mario Batali is evident in the Mediterranean-influenced menu. Try such stars as Pan Seared Striped Bass, beluga lentils, cauliflower puree; Thai Spiced Prawns, lobster risotto cake, watermelon radish salad; Sicilian Style Yellowfin Tuna Tartare. Alert: avoid dining during parents' weekends at nearby Franklin & Marshall. Otherwise, it's a diner's delight.

#### Another Favorite

##### Restaurant Mazzi

46 Deborah Dr., Leola  
717-656-8983 / RestaurantMazzi.com

The Italian-inspired menu at this elegant, special occasion restaurant in Leola Village earned its AAA 4-diamond rating with exquisite dishes like Pan Roasted Quail wrapped in pancetta with sage and juniper, spicy escarole, anisette sauce, quail egg. Locally sourced food, a Wine Spectator award-winning cellar and a chef's table where you can watch all the action, up close and personal, are just a few more reasons to visit.

#### BEST NEW AMERICAN

##### Catherine's Restaurant

1701 W. Doe Run Rd. (Rts. 82 & 162), Unionville  
610-347-2227 / CatherinesRestaurant.com

Best BYO, Best Kept Secret, Best Chef's Table, Best Date Restaurant are just a few of the accolades heaped on this charming, candlelit, country-casual BYO at the crossroads of Routes 82 and 162. Now also open for breakfast, lunch and brunch, it's the well-prepared dinners and gracious service that draw the crowds to this corner of Chester County horse country and some of the best Wild Mushroom Soup around (a Mushroom Festival winner). Try Blackened Tuna Steak fire-roasted poblanos & smoky paprika cream or Duck Breast with tart cherry reduction. Home-made desserts, and everything is available to-go, too.

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### Krazy Kats

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KrazyKatsRestaurant.com

What a pleasure to take in the wild side at this stylish charmer in Chateau Country's rolling hills. When you settle into the comfy tiger-print chairs, the whimsical décor says "look at me," especially the jungle-theme china and classy portraits of cats and dogs in formal military dress. Then there's the award-winning cuisine with enticements as diverse as homey appetizer Parmesan Pierogies and haute side-dish Winter Truffle Pomme Purée. French influences show up in entrées like Foie Gras-Infused Diver Scallops with cinnamon parsnip cookies, truffled almonds, haricots vert and brandied golden raisin gastrique, while innovative American techniques shine in Pumpkin Ale-braised Organic Chicken, Vanilla Cognac Brined Kurabuta Pork and Cocoa-Crusted Broken Arrow Ranch Antelope. Meow!

## BEST AMERICAN / INTERNATIONAL

### The Orchard

503 Orchard Ave., Kennett Square  
610-388-1100 / TheOrchardBYOB.com

A supernova of an intimate, minimalist BYO, The Orchard's food has been called exquisite and meriting a Michelin star. Chef Gary Trevisani describes it as "a gift presented at the table," which fans of Open Table's website had in mind in voting it in the top 50 U.S. restaurants for 2010, the only area eatery so honored. With a changing menu, you'll find sensational, seasonal offerings imaginatively prepared with extras from the chef, such as Butternut Squash Terrine, duck confit, anise oil, ceviche with cucumber and Thyme Granita. A sample entrée: Loin of Lamb with cabbage, confit risotto. Customized Chef's Tasting menus, \$35 prix fixe (Tuesday-Thursday) and a dessert with five different chocolate tastes!

## BEST AMERICAN / CONTINENTAL

### The Farmhouse Restaurant

Loch Nairn Golf Club

524 McCue Rd., Avondale

610-268-2235 / Ingolf.com/Farmhouse

Rustic is served with sophistication in this welcoming 1734 farmhouse, warmed by fireplaces, candlelight and beautiful oriental carpets. A comfortable clutter of baskets large and small, weathered decoys, dried flowers and old farm implements extend from one uniquely shaped dining room to another. Appealing appetizers range from the classic House Pâté with cognac & cream to Crisp Flattened Quail with pancetta, apple, pomegranate balsamic reduction and baby spinach. Entrée favorites include classics like Beef Wellington, Long Island Duck and New York Strip au Poivre. Also, Farmhouse Veal Combo with sweetbreads, roasted chestnuts, apples and wild mushroom risotto, Baked Salmon en Croute and the ever-popular Farmhouse Crab Cakes. The outdoor dining area overlooks magnificent country gardens that seem to extend forever.

## BEST TRADITIONAL AMERICAN

### The Columbia Bar & Grille

148 Bridge St., Phoenixville

610-983-0300 / ColumbiaBarandGrille.com

The best of the old and the new mix it up with verve at this dressed-up Victorian gem with a 21st-century attitude. Two don't-miss attractions stand out amid the gilt-framed mirrors and heavily patterned wallpaper: the handsome, 14-seat cherry/mahogany bar shipped from England when the hotel opened 117 years ago and the glamorous café-scene mural in the Paris Room. Satisfying American favorites from the kitchen: Classic Shrimp Scampi, Flounder Française, Veal Oscar with jumbo lump crabmeat and Meat Loaf with a Twist, a "farm-fresh mixture of beef, veal and pork with old-fashioned brown gravy glaze," with mashed potatoes. Philadelphia Snapper Soup and Chicken Monterey Jack Quesadillas illustrate the old/new theme perfectly.

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#### BEST ASIAN FUSION

##### Nectar

1091 Lancaster Ave., Berwyn  
610-725-9000 / TasteNectar.com

This high-octane spot continues to deliver a “sensuous, sumptuous, savory” experience. Soaring, stylish spaces (Rockwell Group design) and a hopping bar make this a see-and-be-seen scene. Anchored by star Chef Patick Fuery’s kitchen skills and commitment to the freshest ingredients, the land-sea-spicy menu delights on many levels. Bento box starters, superlative sushi, and entrées like Wild King Salmon, Striped Bass, Nova Scotia Lobster make it hard to choose. Come with a group (a tad loud for romance) to sample the range, and bring a carnivore to order Pineland Farm natural steak. Although some extol the peanut butter Semifreddo, the dessert star is the mini Hot Donuts with dipping sauces, worthy of their own Facebook fan page.

#### Another Favorite Bunha Faun

152 Lancaster Ave., Malvern  
610-651-2836 / BunhaFaun.net

With a Zagat rating of “excellent” for food and almost 20 years of serving up fine French-Asian cuisine at amazingly affordable prices, it’s astonishing that this unobtrusive gem in not packed every night! Maybe it’s the unassuming building. But for classic Escargot, Rack of Lamb and Crème Brûlée, bring a great bottle to this BYO and get ready for a culinary delight of surprisingly subtlety. Sweet Red Pepper Shrimp and Roast Duckling merit return visits by Bunha fans who know the menu by heart – or maybe by palate.

#### BEST CAJUN & CREOLE

##### High Street Caffé

322 S. High St., West Chester  
610-696-7435 / HighStreetCaffe.com

For almost 15 years, High Street Caffé has brought New Orleans flavor to West Chester. Described as a funky, eclectic, fun, quirky, purple den of authentic Creole/Cajun cuisine, this spot gets raves from regulars and kudos from critics (Best of Philly, highest Zagat food ratings, plus Bests Of accolades) and Rachel Ray, who visited last year. A new bar, craft beer selection, and live jazz are just a few highlights. But it’s the food that really rocks. From rack of wild boar, ostrich, kangaroo and alligator to French Quarter favorites like gumbo, jambalaya and etouffée, the flavors are amazing, converting even those who aren’t Cajun fans. For more spice, take home some of Chef Wenner’s Vudu Cajun Seasoning. Hot stuff!

#### BEST CHINESE

##### Yangming

1051 Conestoga Rd., Bryn Mawr  
610-527-3200 / YangmingRestaurant.com

The traditional and the cutting-edge fuse deliciously and stylishly at this thriving Main Line favorite. East not only meets West, they mingle and party with gusto. Modernistic décor includes distinctive Eastern-style doorways and big, beautiful etched-glass panels that divide dining areas from the popular bar. Chinese classics like Mu Shu Pork and Peking Duck share menu space with American/International favorites that include wine-sauced Crab Cakes, Pan-roasted Norwegian Salmon and delectable desserts like Cappuccino Crème Brûlée. Its two autonomous kitchens, one Western and one Chinese, make this happen. Nine chicken options range from General Tso’s Spicy Chicken to fusion winners like Chicken and Cashews with a lemongrass oyster sauce. Check out the imposing terracotta warrior in the entryway.

#### Another Favorite

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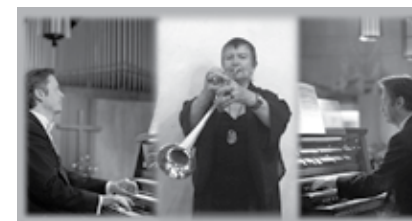
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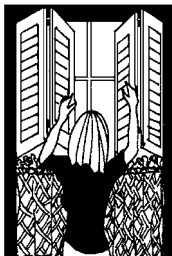


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### BEST GREEK Mythos Restaurant

2 Waterview Rd., West Chester  
484-887-0513 / MythosGreekRestaurant.com

Mythos' sunny disposition, in its décor as well as its savory Greek specialties, assures its No. 1 status. Both the physical space and customer base have expanded since it opened in fall 2009. Large paintings that celebrate icons of Greek culture and its sun-splashed islands create the right mood for great eats. One best seller not to miss: whole fish (some four or five choices) that are plump, perfectly char-grilled and touched with olive oil, fresh lemon and herbs. Another: marinated and Frenched Rack of Lamb, char-grilled until tender and juicy. More winners: Lamb Chops, varied Shish Kebabs, Avgolemono Soup and Broiled Calamari stuffed with crabmeat. Delectable desserts include the classic Baklava, flaky and cinnamon.

### BEST INDIAN Shere-E-Punjab

208 W. State St., Media / 610-891-0400  
5059 State Rd., Drexel Hill / 484-452-8140  
ShereePunjab.com

Exuberant North Indian dishes with deeply flavorful sauces and colorful, upbeat décor, especially large bold paintings that celebrate Punjab culture, raise this ethnic eatery to the top of the list. Lines form at peak dinner times and for the extensive lunch buffet that offers an enticing sampler of the many tastes that make Indian food dis-

tinctive. Freshly baked bread, especially the garlic naan, is served warm and hard to resist. Some stand-outs: Coconut Soup and Vegetable Samosas appetizer; Chicken Korma in a mildly spiced creamy sauce; Tandoori Chicken barbecued in a clay oven; Lamb Karahi, boasting ginger and garlic flavors; and Kulfi, delectable house-made ice cream with cardamom and nuts. Vegetarians appreciate the many good options.

### Another Favorite Spice Indian Thai Bistro

113 W. Market St., West Chester / 610-431-0113  
4843 W. Chester Pk., Newtown Square  
610-356-5262 / SpiceBYOB.com

With a choice of two locations (Edgemont Shopping Center was the first) and two world cuisines, there's much to recommend this new addition to West Chester dining. Tasteful décor, attentive service, amazing lunch buffet variety. And then there's Craig LaBan's raves that this is one of the suburbs' best all around Indian kitchens. Taste for yourself.

### BEST IRISH PUB Kildare's

18 W. Gay St., West Chester / 610-431-0770  
1145 W. Baltimore Pk., Media / 610-565-8886  
Philadelphia, Manayunk, Moosic, PA; Newark, DE  
KildaresPub.com

Everybody's Irish at Kildare's, where old-country spirit flavors everything from the ambiance to the Celtic cuisine. Authentic highlights, imported from Ireland, include entire bars, walls, kegs and murals. Historic photos add to the fun. State-of-the-art bar and beer systems help keep the crowd happy, as do frequent special events. St. Practice Days (practice for St. Pat's Day) speak for themselves as do Ugly Sweater parties. In addition to American pub faves like Melts, Buffalo Wings, Corned Beef Reubens, and BBQ Pulled Pork, there's Connemara-style Salmon, Bass Ale Battered Fish & Chips, Guinness Stew and Shepherd's Pie. The Irish Breakfast, available all hours, includes bangers, rashers, beans, roasted tomato, eggs and Black & White Pudding.

### BEST CLASSIC ITALIAN Allegria Ristorante Italiano

8 E. Welsh Pool Rd., Exton  
610-524-6060 / Allegria-PA.com

You get lots of amore with your antipasto at this BYO gem where the savory Italian classics make you yearn for your favorite Tuscan village. Sun-themed terra cotta plaques grace the walls in the welcoming, family-owned-and-operated ristorante in a converted private home. Chef/owner Salvatore D'Alprano, a lifelong local/seasonal advocate, makes his homeland proud with authentic, earthy creations. Recommended choices: fresh fish specials and all the risottos, plus Saltimbocca alla Romana (sliced veal and prosciutto sautéed with dry wine and fresh sage), and Pollo Mediterraneo (chicken breast rolled with roasted peppers and goat cheese, sun dried tomatoes and Cabernet sauce). The tiramisu and gelato are superb, and the petite cannolis dipped in dark chocolate send you home with a smile.

### BEST JAPANESE Margaret Kuo's Restaurant

175 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne / 610 688-7200  
190 Lancaster Ave., Malvern / 610-647-5488  
4-6 W. State St., Media / 610-892-0115  
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MargaretKuos.com

In the Wayne location's Akari Room, the softly lit Japanese design, sleek and elegant, creates a calming ambiance, the perfect setting for refined Japanese cuisine that's meant for sharing. A prime example is Nabemono for two cooked at your table. Shabu Shabu (sirloin, noodles and vegetables in clear broth) and Yosenabe (shrimp, scallops, Chilean sea bass, salmon and vegetables in clear broth) are two options. The stylish sushi bars in the Media and Wayne sites offer premium appetizer and entrée combinations: Black Pepper Tuna Sashimi and Spicy Tuna Tartar appetizers and dinners like Brown Rice Maki Combination, All-Yellowtail Sushi Dinner and Special Roll Combinations. Lots of Teriyaki, Tempura and Katsu options, too.

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A Main Line sushi pioneer, Hana keeps it authentic and has kept its customer base for more than 25 years. The small restaurant's streamlined décor lets the well-prepared, beautifully presented specialties shine. For sushi fans: everything from Philadelphia rolls to the traditional. Lunch patrons tout the Bento boxes. Sukiyaki, Chicken Teriyaki and Udon Noodle specialties honor traditional Japanese cuisine. The perfect place to satisfy your yen for straightforward ethnic cooking.

### **BEST MEDITERRANEAN** **The Mediterranean**

150 W. Gay St., West Chester  
610-431-7074 / [TheMedWCPA.com](http://TheMedWCPA.com)

Mediterranean cooking has come to mean heart-healthy, fresh food prepared in a style heavy on sea food and vegetables, and that's what The Mediterranean in West Chester delivers. Focusing on fresh, local, organic ingredients in a blend of Italian and Lebanese cooking, this cozy, two-story BYO has built a loyal following by serving up classics from the region — think lamb, hummus, tabouli, falafel and a bonanza of kabob platters, even one for vegetarians and for kids. The family-run eatery is also known for the best baklava and strong Turkish coffee.

### **BEST MEXICAN** **Señora's Authentic Mexican Cuisine**

505 E. Gay St., West Chester / 610-344-4950

Carmen Lytle continues to cook up authentic flavors, perfect seasoning and a full range of salsas (try the cucumber, pineapple or fiery pico de gallo) in this casual West Chester favorite. Fresh, authentic ingredients make all the choices stars on the surprisingly varied menu. Some of our favorites: Cabo Nachos (handmade tortilla chips, black beans, Monterey jack and cheddar, with shredded steak, roast pork, chicken or spicy chorizo), Santa Fe Fajitas, fish tacos, tasty tortilla soup, and ending with the fabulous flan or fruit chimichangas (fried tortillas with fruit filling). Tasty sides and a kids' menu, too. Try your favorites or the specials. BYO cervezas.

### **Another Favorite**

#### **La Tolteca**

907 S. High St., West Chester  
610-420-8101 / [LaTolteca.net](http://LaTolteca.net)  
4701 Concord Pk., Wilmington  
302-477-0433 / [LasToltecas.com](http://LasToltecas.com)

Open seven days for lunch and dinner, this locally owned BYO (bring your own tequila, too, for margaritas) has a loyal fan base beyond the many West Chester University students just up the street. From stuffed jalapeños to frozen ice cream and all the classic Mexican comfort food entrées you love, the large portions and reasonable prices inspire repeat visits.

### **BEST PUB**

#### **The Whip Tavern**

1383 N. Chatham Rd., West Marlborough  
610-383-0600 / [TheWhipTavern.com](http://TheWhipTavern.com)

Folks hankering for a taste of Brit pub spirit head to this popular gathering place in the middle of horse country. Wrought-iron sconces and vintage horse-and-hound images on dark wood paneling set the scene. The variety of suds dazzles: 50+ domestic and interna-

tional beers and ciders, including seasonal and limited releases. BYO customers welcome, too. Comforting pub grub like Bangers and Mash, Shepherd's Pie and ever-popular Fish and Chips always appeal. "American" options include Long Island Duck Breast with cherry compote and Braised Short Ribs with black currant demi-glace. The South Cheshire Entrée, a take-off on the South Beach diet, is meatloaf made with all-natural local turkey. Internationalism rocks.

### **BEST SANDWICH**

#### **Mabel's Barbeque**

607 E. Market St., West Chester / 610-701-0288

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### Another Favorite PBandU

163 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne  
484-367-7799 / PBandU.com

Everybody loves peanut butter and most of us have a favorite PB sandwich (we love Fluffernutters). A new Wayne shop lets you order your favorite, indulge with an Elvis (PB, banana, bacon, honey), or try their concoctions (PB, cheddar, bacon, pickle has that great sweet/salt taste). For moms, kids and homesick college students, they provide all things peanut butter – sandwiches, pizzas (PB on round flatbread with toppings), fondue (apples, pretzels and more for dipping), smoothies, and lots of mix-ins. Be a kid again.

### BEST SEAFOOD Harry's Seafood Grill

101 S. Market St., Wilmington  
302-777-1500 / HarrysSeafoodGrill.com

This classy, casual-chic restaurant maintains and deserves its high profile status on Wilmington's Riverfront, where several new restaurants have opened. The Oyster Bar, Sashimi menu and Ceviche menu offer a boatload of options. Lobster lovers can tackle their dinner simply boiled whole or let the kitchen remove the meat and poach it or feature it in a well-seasoned cioppino. Among the fresh fish options: Oven-roasted Black Grouper, Cajun-seared Rainbow Trout, award-winning Crab Cakes. Enjoy hearty soups, stews and chowders and super salads like Smoked Salmon Plate. Outstanding sandwiches include Maine Lobster Roll and Harry's Blackened Big Eye Tuna Tacos. More than 75 by-the-glass wine choices enhance the premier dining scene. The Riverwalk location gives its patio special appeal.

### Another Favorite

#### Deep Blue Bar and Grill

111 West 22th St., Wilmington  
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Bankers, lawyers and more from Wilmington's business district flock to this uptown restaurant, as do suburban theater-goers for the pre-theater menus and quick service. Small plate favorites include Grilled Octopus and Tartare of Yellow Fin Tuna. Select entrée options: Cornmeal-Dusted Pennsylvania Brook Trout, Pan-Seared Crab Cake, Pan-Seared Wild Striped Bass and Caramelized Sea Scallops. Check out the sea-inspired murals.

### BEST STEAKHOUSE

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1147 Lititz Pk., Lancaster  
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### BEST SEAFOOD & STEAK

#### The Ship Inn

Bus. Rt. 30 and Ship Rd., Exton  
610-363-7200 / ShipInn.net

The breezy nautical theme extends from three formal dining rooms, each beautifully appointed with respect for its historic pedigree, to the casual Light-house Grill. And when good weather arrives, the patio. No matter where you dine, you'll get the same extensive menu with its traditional fare brightened by New American touches. Some dinner choices: Atlantic Salmon Filet with

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local peach sauce, Steak Diane topped with jumbo crabmeat, Chef Richard's Veal and Crabmeat creation. The boatful of light fare options includes Seafood Salad on fresh spinach, Grilled Salmon BLT, Caesar Calamari. And, of course, the Gourmet Angus Burger with smoked bacon, onion rings and French fries.

**BEST SUSHI – TIE**

**Azie**  
217 West State St., Media  
610-566-4750 / [AzieRestaurant.com](#)  
**Azie On Main**  
789 E. Lancaster Ave., Villanova  
610-527-5700 / [AzieOnMain.com](#)

**Teikoku**  
5492 West Chester Pk., Newtown Square  
610-644-8270 / [TeikokuRestaurant.com](#)

As part of the Win Signature Restaurant group with over 20 years of restaurant experience, this trio of locations serves up superb sushi at hip Azie in Media, zen-like Teikoku in Newtown Square, or Azie on Main for Main Liners. Chef Iinuma (formerly of Morimoto) oversees the sushi selection that ranges from Philly to California to Godzilla to Azie rolls and other specialties, with sushi and sashimi samplers for the indecisive. Enjoy the perfect presentation at all three spots and try to nab a place at the long table facing the sushi bar in the Main Line location. And there's half-price sushi for Happy Hour, Monday-Thursday, too. So choose your vibe or neighborhood and head for dependably great sushi.

**BEST THAI**  
**Thai Orchid**

556 W. Lancaster Ave., Berwyn / 610-651-7840

Don't let the strip mall location fool you. This delightful, family-owned and operated BYO dishes up some wonderful Thai treats for lunch, dinner and take-out. While lunch can draw a crowd with its bargain prices, the ambiance at dinner is warm and more up-scale than expected. Thai dumplings and Thai curries are stars, and you can find the standards (Pad Thai and Drunken Noodles) plus exotically named entrées like Love & Passion and Evil Jungle Princess (chicken and vegs in spicy curry). Chu

Chee Duck will always be a favorite, and we love that you can dial up or down your individual spice level.

**Another Favorite**  
**Jazmine Thai**

344 W. Gay St., West Chester  
610-696-3332 / [JazmineThai.com](#)

Just walk down Gay Street, out of the West Chester bustle, to this surprisingly lovely Thai restaurant, where the \$9.99 lunch special is a real treat. Pass the bar, sit in the attractive interior and enjoy an extensive menu offering classic Thai dishes (lemon grass soup, Pad Thai), veggie options, and fun names like Rolling Stone (shrimp with crabmeat). The service is as warm as the curries.

**BEST VIETNAMESE**  
**Le Saigon**

82 E. Lancaster Ave., Paoli  
610-889-4870 / [LeSaigon.com](#)

Fresh flowers and candles on tables announce this is an ethnic BYO restaurant that rises above the ordinary. So do all the savory, citrusy, tangy, earthy, sweet/sour and sometimes delicate flavors that make authentic Vietnamese fare so appealing. French influences help, of course. Highly recommended: Crispy Boneless Tangerine Duck, Charbroiled Chicken with lemongrass and Soft-Shell Crab in tamarind sauce. Simpler dishes like savory noodle soups and tasty rice creations are Asian comfort food. And you'll enjoy the subtle Crab Soup, Snow Rolls made with transparent rice paper, Pad Thai Shrimp, Sate Beef and Seafood Curry. For a sweet ending: Vietnamese Crème Caramel or Corn Pudding with Coconut Crème.

**Another Favorite**  
**Ha Long Bay**

816 W. Lancaster Ave.  
Bryn Mawr / 610-525-8881

For pho (Vietnamese noodle soup) on the Main Line, try this charming BYO offering fresh flavors and reasonable prices, near the Bryn Mawr Theater. Named after a popular travel destination in Viet Nan, translated as Descending Dragon Bay, freshness of the ingredients makes meals a pleasure. ♦



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