

Robert's East Bay Area Restaurant List
Sorted by Location

Name	Comments	Location
Juanita & Maude	Intimate neighborhood outpost for wine, cocktails & refined American dishes with a seasonal focus.	Albany
La Penca Azul	A lively and delicious Mexican restaurant	Alameda
Little Star Pizza	Delicious cornmeal crusted deep dish pizza.	Albany, San Francisco
Potala Vegan Restaurant	Tasty, organic vegan fair, pre fixe menu	Albany
Sam's Log Cabin	Emphasis on organic and sustainable comfort food for breakfast and lunch	Albany
Speisekammer	Quaint German restaurant and bar with occasional live music	Alameda
Zaytoon	Mediterranean	Albany
Bette's Oceanview Diner	A deco-diner Berkeley institution, long waits [esp on weekends], but always good.	Berkeley
900 Grayson	Upscale breakfast & lunch	Berkeley
Baker & Commons	Good breakfast joint with tasty biscuits, scones and pastries.	Berkeley
Café Leila	Breakfast-lunch with nice, sunny outdoor patio	Berkeley
Cesar	Not quite what they used to be, but still an older-hipster hang, with superb cocktails and requisite noise level	Berkeley
Cheeseboard Collective	Best pizza!	Berkeley
Chez Panisse	Both the café and restaurant feature the finest sustainably-sourced, organic, and seasonal ingredients including meat, fish, and poultry. Both are delish and the café is less expensive.	Berkeley
Chick 'n Rice	Try the khao mun gai (compare to Hawking Bird)	Berkeley
Comal	Big, delicious, upscale Mex with lots of noise and a beautiful space	Berkeley
Comal Next Door	Tacos, sandwiches, burritos, salads	Berkeley
Corso	Handcrafted pasta dishes & Northern Italian specials.	Berkeley
Donut Farm	A yummy donut breakfast place with a vegan twist.	Berkeley, Oakland, SF
Gioia Pizzeria	New York style thin crust pizza with a great variety of toppings.	Berkeley, SF
Gregoire	Rich French take-out for those not on and/or ignoring calorie count	Berkeley
Homemade Café	Homey, the way down-home diners used to be	Berkeley
Iyasare	Inventive dishes from northeast Japan pair with classic nigiri & sashimi in a simple Zen-like space.	Berkeley
Jazz Caffé	Good coffee and lunches, and great musical performances	Berkeley
Kikaku	Fantastic Izakaya Japanese Food	Berkeley
Kirala	My fave Japanese place for lunch, dinner is good too	Berkeley
La Marcha	Unique and delicious tapas and paella. Make reservations, always crowded.	Berkeley
La Note	For the French in all of us – very good	Berkeley
Lilly's Restaurant	Reasonably priced good Chinese food.	Berkeley
Lo Coco's	Sicilian style pizza and pasta	Berkeley
Longbranch Saloon	Good bar, decent food and atmosphere, and they serve food until 11:30pm [late by East Bay standards]	Berkeley
Mint Leaf	We like this Vietnamese place near the Berkeley Bowl – good food, nice room and people	Berkeley & Alameda
Paisan	Same owners as Longbranch in same block	Berkeley
Rick and Ann's	Cozy place with good traditional breakfasts.	Berkeley
Rivoli	Delicious seasonal food	Berkeley
Smoke BBQ	Good down home bbq.	Berkeley
Spoon Korean Bistro	Cool little Korean bistro with good food and outdoor patio.	Berkeley
Standard Fare	California Cuisine	Berkeley

Tacubaya	Sophisticated preparation of Mexican staples with vegetarian options.	Berkeley
The Juice Bar Collective	Very good assortment of vegetarian and meat options.	Berkeley
Vik's Chaat & Market	One of the best Indian restaurants, in my opinion	Berkeley
The Dead Fish	Take a ride to Crockett for good seafood, nice bar and great views of the Carquinez Straights	Crockett
Elevation 66	Exceptionally good food for a brew-pub, especially for my mac & cheese addiction	El Cerrito
Townhouse Bar & Grill	An Emeryville institution [as was Bucci's RIP] and still excellent. Nice lunch patio too	Emeryville
Branchline	Vietnamese gastropub with yummy drinks	Emeryville
Honor Bar	My current fave E'ville bar, with great eats and great lighting/color/vibe	Emeryville
Los Moles	Delicious moles. Also in San Rafael & El Cerrito	Emeryville
Summer Summer	Our fave local Thai, with a serene, intimate atmosphere	Emeryville
Brown Sugar Kitchen	Tasty nouvelle-soul, also crowded on weekends.	Oakland
A Côté	French and Italian food, small dishes	Oakland
Agave Uptown	Gourmet Mexican	Oakland
Aunt Mary's Cafe	A cozy local cafe serving homey comfort food with a Southern & Southwestern twist.	Oakland
Bakesale Betty	Delicious fried chicken, sandwiches and cookies, fantastic pumpkin pie and strawberry shortcake	Oakland
Bank Club / Wally's	Sweet dive bar with a café in the back	Oakland
Bardo Lounge & Supper Club	Small bites, 1960s themed dinner party	Oakland
Beauty's Bagel Shop	Contemporary bakery serving wood-fired Montreal-style bagels, bagel sandwiches & espresso drinks.	Oakland
Belcampo	High quality meats from their farm in Mt. Shasta	Oakland
Belotti	Italian	Oakland
Burma Superstar	Yummy Burmese homestyle cooking	Oakland/Alameda/SF
Cam Huong	Delicious and very cheap dim sum, banh mi, and other delicacies.	Oakland China Town
Cholita Linda	Wonderful tacos and sandwiches in a pretty and comfortable setting.	Oakland
Commis	California Cuisine	Oakland
Desco & District	Directly across the street from each other. The uptown thing in the restored old Oakland 'hood	Oakland
Doña Tomás	Upscale Mexican	Oakland
Dopo	Cozy and delicious!	Oakland
Duende	Spanish food and great cocktails	Oakland
Flora Restaurant & Bar	Upscale New American cuisine served in a stylish room with high ceilings & art deco details.	Oakland
Grocery Cafe	Has just reopened at 63 Jack London Square! Unusual Burmese dishes worth checking out.	Oakland
Hawking Bird	Try the khao mun gai (compare to Chick 'n Rice)	Oakland
High Peaks	Indian	Oakland
Homerom	Not super great mac & cheese, but has variety, big helpings and easy take-out pick-up system	Oakland
Kingston 11	A uniquely Jamaican-Oakland vibe here, with pretty good food and occasional music. Reggae mon!	Oakland
Liba Falafel	Yummy falafel and salad bar	Oakland
Mama's Royal Café	A throw-back to the old hippy brekky-café, with good food	Oakland
Oliveto Café & Restaurant	Italian-centric	Oakland
Sequoia Diner	Quaint, bright cafe with retro flair & a menu full of housemade sausages, breads, jams & pastries.	Oakland
Shakewell	Spanish tapas bar	Oakland
Southie	Sister restaurant to Wood Tavern in same block	Oakland
Temple Club	Regional Vietnamese, not your usual Vietnamese restaurant	Oakland
The Fat Lady	Good American Fare	Oakland
The Temple Club	Serving traditional, authentic dishes from all regions of Viet Nam, just as they are served there.	Oakland

The Wolf	Current fave and a fine homage to the former restaurant, Bay Wolf.	Oakland
Wood Tavern	One of my faves in Rockridge, good bar, excellent food, nice room	Oakland
Xolo	Late-night taqueria offers creative tacos, burritos & other Mexican comfort eats in a cool setting.	Oakland
Xyclo	Vietnamese	Oakland
Crogan's	Well, if you have to find a sports bar, this is probably as good as it's gonna get. Great tater-skins too	Oakland/Montclair
A16	Upscale Italian in Rockridge, one of my faves for a nice dinner	Oakland/Rockridge
Casa Orinda	Not precious Bay Area cuisine; BUT, if you want to experience old-school western country-folk ambience and very good fried chicken, this is da place cowboys and cowgirls	Orinda
Assemble	A nice destination eatery for a bay trail bike ride. And on my go-to for mac & cheese	Point Richmond
Bull Valley Roadhouse	Some of the best dinners I've had these past couple of years and a nice country drive to picturesque Port Costa	Port Costa

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