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OpenTable Restaurant Reviews Reveal the Top 30 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America

*Standout BBQ Restaurants Span 12 States and Washington, D.C., with
California, Illinois, New York, and Texas Claiming Greatest Number of Winners*

SAN FRANCISCO – July 16, 2014 – In a nod to our nation’s longstanding love affair with barbecuing, [OpenTable](#) (NASDAQ: OPEN), the world’s leading provider of online restaurant reservations, is pleased to honor the [2014 Diners’ Choice Award winners for the Top 30 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America](#). These awards reflect the combined opinions of more than 5 million restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for approximately 19,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Showcasing regional styles and techniques, including dry rubs and wet brines, the winning eateries use a balance of nuanced spices and smoke to bring forth complex flavors in their barbecue dishes. The complete list includes notable restaurants in 12 states and Washington, D.C., such as [Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) in Harlem, [Lambert’s Downtown BBQ](#) in Austin, and [Wexler’s](#) in San Francisco. California has six award winners, followed by Illinois and New York with five each, Texas with four, and Ohio with two. Arizona, Colorado, Maryland, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Washington, D.C., and Wisconsin are also represented.

“The recipients of these inaugural awards have elevated the craft of barbecue to a form of edible art,” says Caroline Potter, OpenTable Chief Dining Officer. “With patience and passion, the pitmasters at each of the winning restaurants are using their expertise to transform even the most humble cut of meat into a smoky and tender fare to remember.”

[The 2014 Diners’ Choice Awards for the Top 30 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America](#) are generated from more than 5 million restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014. All restaurants listed as “barbecue” cuisine type with a minimum number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then sorted according to a score calculated from each restaurant’s average rating in the food category along with a minimum “overall” rating.

Based on this methodology, the following restaurants, listed in alphabetical order, comprise the Top 30 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America according to OpenTable diners. The complete list may also be viewed at <http://www.opentable.com/m/best-BBQ-restaurants-in-america>.

2014 Diners' Choice Award Winners for the Top 30 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America

[Annapolis Smokehouse](#) – Annapolis, Maryland
[Bluebird Barbecue](#) – Burlington, Vermont
[Bobby Q](#) – Phoenix, Arizona
[Boneyard Bistro](#) – Sherman Oaks, California
[Carson's Prime Steaks & Famous Barbecue](#) – Chicago, Illinois
[Carson's Prime Steaks & Famous Barbecue](#) – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
[Chicago q](#) – Chicago, Illinois
[Chuck's Southern Comforts Café](#) – Burbank, Illinois
[Chuck's Southern Comforts Café](#) – Darien, Illinois
[Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) – Brooklyn, New York
[Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) – Buffalo, New York
[Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) – Harlem, New York
[Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) – Rochester, New York
[Dinosaur Bar-B-Que](#) – Troy, New York
[Freedmen's](#) – Austin, Texas
[The Granary `Cue & Brew](#) – San Antonio, Texas
[Gus's BBQ](#) – South Pasadena, California
[Hill Country Barbecue Market](#) – Washington, D.C.
[Iron Starr Urban Barbecue-OKC](#) – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
[Kenny's Smoke House](#) – Plano, Texas
[Lambert's Downtown BBQ](#) – Austin, Texas
[Montgomery Inn-At the Boathouse](#) – Cincinnati, Ohio
[The Montgomery Inn-Original](#) – Cincinnati, Ohio
[Naples Rib Company](#) – Long Beach, California
[Percy Street Barbecue](#) – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
[Piggyback Tavern](#) – Forest Park, Illinois
[Russell's Smokehouse](#) – Denver, Colorado
[Southpaw BBQ](#) – San Francisco, California
[Sweet T's Restaurant + Bar](#) – Santa Rosa, California
[Wexler's](#) – San Francisco, California

Diners can also read more about the Diners' Choice Awards for the Top 30 Best Barbecue Restaurants in America by visiting the OpenTable "[Dining Check](#)" blog.

About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews

Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Diners who recently honored an OpenTable reservation are invited via email to submit restaurant feedback using an online form. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 25 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

About OpenTable

[OpenTable](http://www.opentable.com) is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 15 million diners per month via online bookings across more than 31,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated more than 620 million diners around the world. The Company is headquartered in San Francisco, California, and the OpenTable service is available throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the UK. More information is available on <http://www.opentable.com>.

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