

Robert's Mostly East Bay Area Restaurant List - <i>A Baywood Institution But He's Still Not a Restaurant Critic</i>		
Name	Comments	Location
C'era Una Volta	Excellent Italian Fare	Alameda
Ceron Kitchen	New American Cuisine	Alameda
Little House Café	Delicious breakfasts and lunches	Alameda
Speisekammer	Quaint German restaurant and bar with occassional live music	Alameda
Jaunita & Maude	Intimate neighborhood outpost for wine, cocktails & refined American dishes with a seasonal focus.	Albany
Little Star Pizza	Delicious cornmeal crusted deep dish pizza.	Albany / San Francisco
Sam's Log Cabin	Emphasis on organic and sustainable comfort food for breakfast and lunch	Albany
Zaytoon	Mediterranean	Albany
Bella Siena	Italian	Benicia
Agrodolce	Sicilian eat-in dining, sister to Trattoria la Siciliana (take out only) Same address for both.	Berkeley
900 Grayson	Upscale breakfast & lunch	Berkeley
Asaka Sushi & Bar	Japanese	Berkeley
Baker & Commons	Good breakfast joint with tasty biscuits, scones and pastries.	Berkeley
Café Leila	Breakfast-lunch with nice, sunny outdoor patio	Berkeley
Cali Alley	California cuisine	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
Comal	Big, delicious, upscale Mex with lots of noise and a beautiful space	Berkeley
Comal Next Door	Tacos, sandwiches, burritos, salads	Berkeley
Creekwood	California Italian menu	Berkeley
Donato & Co	Italian food by Italians	Berkeley
Fat Apple	Get their chicken pot pie	Berkeley
4 Bells Public House	Elevated bar food and simple, yet high quality beverages complete with an arcade game room.	Berkeley
5 Tacos & A Beer	Jaliscan Mexican food	Berkeley
Fish & Bird Sousaku Izakaya	Modern Japanese cuisine	Berkeley
Gaumenkitzel	Organic German slow food	Berkeley
Gioia Pizzeria	New York style thin crust pizza with a great variety of toppings.	Berkeley / SF
Great China	Northern Chinese cuisine	Berkeley
Gregoire	Rich French take-out for those not on and/or ignoring calorie count	Berkeley
Gypsy's Trattoria	Italian	Berkeley
Heroic Italian	Italian including Hero Sandwiches	Berkeley / SF
Hidden Café	Changing menu with culinary residencies hosted from time to time	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
Jerusalem Organic Kitchen	Mediterranean	Berkeley
Juan's Place	Delicious Mexican	Berkeley
Kamado Sushi	Japanese	Berkeley
Kiraku	Busy izakaya-style Japanese tapas eatery featuring locally sourced ingredients in a modest setting.	Berkeley
Kirala	My fave Japanese place for lunch, dinner is good too	Berkeley
La Marcha Tapas Bar	Rustic-chic bistro known for paella & tapas, plus Spanish drinks & complimentary happy-hour snacks.	Berkeley

La Note	For the French in all of us – very good	Berkeley
Lo Coco's	Pizza & homemade pasta made from Sicilian recipes, served amid traditional Italian restaurant decor.	Berkeley / Oakland
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
Oceanview Diner	A deco-diner Berkeley institution, long waits [esp on weekends], but always good.	Berkeley
Paisan	Same owners as Longbrance in same block	Berkeley
Pizzeria del Laura	Several pizza styles	Berkeley
Poulet Deli	Deli, great chicken	Berkeley
Pyeong Chang Tofu	Korean	Berkeley / Oakland
Rick and Ann's	Cozy place with good traditional breakfasts.	Berkeley
Skates	Seafood on the waterfront	Berkeley
Sliver Pizzeria	Vegetarian Pizza (also in Oakland, Lafayette, Fremont)	Berkeley
Smoke BBQ (temp closed)	Good down home bbq.	Berkeley
Spoon Korean Bistro	Cool little Korean bistro with good food and outdoor patio.	Berkeley
Standard Fare	Laid-back, counter-serve outlet serving an organic, daily-changing, seasonal breakfast & lunch menu.	Berkeley
The Italian Homemade	Italian	Berkeley / SF
Tacubaya	Sophisticated preparation of Mexican staples with vegetarian options.	Berkeley
Taqueria Talavera	Mexican	Berkeley
Udupi Palace	South Indian Cuisine	Berkeley
Via del Corso	Handcrafted pasta dishes & Northern Italian specials.	Berkeley
Vik's Chaat & Market	One of the best Indian restaurants, in my opinion	Berkeley
Zut! on Fourth	California and Mediterranean Cuisine	Berkeley
The Dead fish	Take a ride to Crockett for good seafood, nice bar and great views of the Sac straights	Crockett
Elevation 66	Exceptionally good food for a brew-pub, especially for my mac & cheese addiction	El Cerrito
Branchline	Bar near train station is a local happy-hour draw, offering drinks, cheese plates & other bites.	Emeryville
Denny's	Old school throw-back diner, open 24 hours	Emeryville
Doyle Street Café	Homey California Cuisine	Emeryville
Good To Eat Dumpling	Taiwanese Cuisine	Emeryville
Honor Bar	NOW BEING REMODELED - A fave E'ville bar, with decent eats and great lighting/color/vibe	Emeryville
Los Moles	Mexican eatery with multiple mole options, Taco Tuesday deals & tequila served in colorful quarters.	Emeryville
Public Market	Variety of eateries and a cool bar	Emeryville
Rotten City Pizza	My local go-to for take-out – pretty decent.	Emeryville
Rudys Can't Fail Café	Mexican and California Cuisine	Emeryville
Summer Summer	Our fave local Thai, with a serene, intimate atmosphere	Emeryville
Townhouse Bar & Grill	An Emeryville institution [as was Buccì's RIP] and still excellent. Nice lunch patio too	Emeryville
Trader Vic's	Festive Polynesian-style fixture boasts creative fare & tropical cocktails plus expansive bay views	Emeryville
Kensington Circus Pub	American & British Food	Kensington
Lafayette Hotel & Spa	French American	Lafayette
Locanda Positano	Italian	Lafayette
Postino	Italian influenced California Cuisine	Lafayette
Social Bird	California Cuisine - One of my faves!	Lafayette
Tutu's	American, European, Latin American, and Asian dishes	Lafayette
A Cote	French and Italian food, small dishes	Oakland
A16	Upscale Italian in Rockridge, one of my faves for a nice dinner	Oakland / Rockridge

Agave Uptown	Gourmet Mexican	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
Bellanico	Italian	Oakland
Belcampo	High quality meats from their farm in Mt. Shasta	Oakland
Belotti	Italian	Oakland
Bombera	California and Mexican cuisine	Oakland
Brown Sugar Kitchen	Tasty nouvelle-soul, also crowded on weekends.	Oakland
Burma Superstar	Yummy Burmese style home 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
Co-Nam	Vietnamese Noodle Bar	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
Daughter Thai	Thai Cuisine	Oakland
District	Wine, whiskey, small plates	Oakland
Doña	Upscale Mexican	Oakland
Donut Farm	A yummy donut breakfast place with a vegan twist.	Oakland
Drakes	American Fare	Oakland
Duende	Innovative Spanish spot serving tapas & large plates in sprawling quarters with a live-music space. A fave.	Oakland
Fluid 510	Pizza, entrées, and cocktails	Oakland
Hawking Bird	Try the khao mun gai	Oakland
High Peaks Kitchen	Indian	Oakland
Homerom	Not super great mac & cheese, but has variety, big helpings and easy take-out pick-up system	Oakland
Italian Colors	California Italian	Oakland
Kingston 11 Cuisine	A uniquely Jamaican-Oakland vibe here, with pretty good food and occasional music. Reggae mon!	Oakland
Lake Chalet	California cuisine with a seafood focus	Oakland
Lin Jia	Asian Kitchen	Oakland
Lois the Pie Queen	Southern Fare - Cash Only	Oakland
Mama's Boy	New York style pizza	Oakland
Mama Oakland	Italian	Oakland
Mama's Royal Café	A throw-back to the old hippy brekky-café, with good food	Oakland
Millenium	Delicious vegan fare	Oakland
Mockingbird	Country-hip choice offering locavore Californian & New American fare in a romantic, candlelit space	Oakland
Nido's Backyard	Mexican Food	Oakland
Parche	Contemporary Columbian Cuisine	Oakland
Paulista	Brazilian	Oakland
Perle	California Cuisine	Oakland / Montclair
Pizzaiola	Organic wood fired pizza & pasta joint	Oakland
Pomella	Modern California-Israeli Food – always fresh, mindfully prepared, casually served and better when shared.	Oakland
Pomet	Farm sourced California Cuisine	Oakland
Rocky's Market	California Cuisine	Oakland

Scott's Seafood	Seafood and Traditional American	Oakland / Jack London
Shandong	Chinese fare	Oakland
Sequoia Diner	Quaint, bright cafe with retro flair & a menu full of housemade sausages, breads, jams & pastries.	Oakland
Shakewell	Spanish tapas bar	Oakland
Sideshow Kitchen	Burgers and beer garden	Oakland
Soul Slice	Soul food on a pizza biscuit	Oakland
Southern Café	Southern Food	Oakland
Southie	Sister restaurant to Wood Tavern in same block	Oakland
The Rende-Vous	New American Cuisine, changing daily menu + full bar	Oakland
Teni East	Cafe presenting curries, bowls & Burmese food in bright, contemporary environs	Oakland
The Fat Lady	Good American Fare	Oakland
The Wolf	Current fave and a fine homage to the former restaurant, Bay Wolf	Oakland
Wahpepah's Kitchen	Indigenous Food	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
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
Back 40 BBQ	BBQ	Pleasant Hill
Up & Under	Pub & Grill	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
Assemble	A nice destination eatery for a bay trail bike ride. And on my go-to for mac & cheese	Richmond
Baltic Kiss	BBQ / Louisiana Cuisine + Black Star Pirate BBQ Truck	Richmond
Lara's Fine Dining	Italian American	Richmond
Riggers Loft	California Cuisine & Winery	Richmond
Sailing Goat	Wood fired pizza and coastal cuisine	Richmond
Mersea	American	SF Treasure Island
Radhaus	Alpine Beer Hall and German Food	SF / Fort Mason
Rich Table	Gourmet California Cuisine	SF Hayes Valley
Seven Hills	Italian	SF
Herbal	Burmese	SF
Angelino	Italian	Sausalito
Cavallo Point	California & Mediterranean Cuisine	Sausalito
Trident	Seafood	Sausalito
The Caprice	Simply prepared well-crafted dishes from land and sea, as well as classic cocktails and a meticulously curated wine list.	Tiburon
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