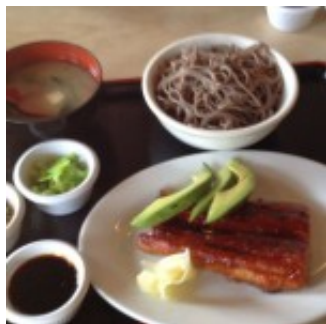


## Best Dishes — 2016

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Grilled Eel and Soba

**UNGAI DONBURI** at [Magokoro](#) Japanese Restaurant

My friend Gil Garduño, New Mexico's Sesquipedalian Sybarite, finally shamed me into eating Japanese food by promising me that the Eel here is spectacular. Hesitantly, I ended my 45-year Japanese food boycott and had the Eel. Well, it IS spectacular and I can't wait to return.

Grilled eel with avocado and soba served with miso soup and the sides of the day. Since I don't do rice, I substituted warm Soba because rice is borin. This is a spectacular dish. The Dazzling Deanell couldn't believe the look of utter delight that washed across my face at my first bite.



Shrimp Po' Boy

**Shrimp Po' Boy** at [The Point Grill](#)



Shrimp and Grits

**Shrimp and Grits** at [The Point Grill](#)



Pastel de Tres Leches

**Pastel de Tres Leches** at [Delicias Cafe](#)



Bread Pudd with Gelato

**Bread Pudding** at [M'Tucci's Market and Dali](#)



Smoked Pork Tenderloin

**Smoked Pork Tenderloin** at [M'Tucci's Market and Deli](#)



Italian Beef and Lincoln Pork

**Italian Beef Chicago-Style** at [Red Rock Deli](#)



Seared Ahi Tuna Bowl

**Seared Ahi Tuna Bowl** at [Savoy Bar and Grill](#)

[I think that](#) Savoy Bar and Grill is one of the bet restaurants in The Duke City. I brought The Dazzling Deanell here for her birthday, and she nearly swooned. Chef Frans Dinkelman has a real passion for all aspects of food, from the selection of the freshest and best ingredients to the expert preparation and plating. He can take something you think you don't like and completely change your mind.

Wasabi smashed red potatoes, slivered peppers & snow peas, sesame beurre blanc, soy pearls. I could eat this every week.



Eggs Benedict on Eggplant

**Eggs Benedict at [M'Tucchi's Italian](#)**

This excellent verso of Eggs Benedict does not sit on an English muffin. Rather, it sits on a lightly breaded slice of eggplant that has been gently fried to a tender crispiness while the interior is soft and runny like melted cheese. The egg yolks are perfectly runny. Good home fries with gently caramelized onions complete this dish.

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