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**PHILLY'S DINING SCENE SCORES MAJOR MEDIA PRAISE IN 2016**  
*Bon Appétit, Travel + Leisure, Zagat & So Many Others Rave About Philly's Fantastic Food*

**PHILADELPHIA, January 11, 2017** – Philadelphia's raved-about restaurants racked up loads of accolades and positive reviews from media heavy hitters such as *Bon Appétit, Travel + Leisure* and so many others in 2016. The city ranked #8 on *Zagat's* "26 Hottest Food Cities of 2016," took the #6 spot on *The Washington Post's* "10 Best Food Cities in America Ranked" and claimed a place on *Travel + Leisure's* "America's Best Cities for Foodies." Philadelphia also starred in a major *New York Times* feature entitled "A Four-Day Feast in Philadelphia."

Here's a look at some of the more than 380 articles and accolades highlighting the city's food and dining scene that VISIT PHILADELPHIA® collected over the past year:

**Food Accolades:**

**December 2016**

- "The 27 Best Ramen Shops in America," Thrillist – **Cheu Noodle Bar** (#5) and **Terakawa Ramen** (#16)

**November 2016**

- "The 26 Hottest Food Cities of 2016," Zagat – Philadelphia is #8

**September 2016**

- "The Best Farm-to-Table Restaurant in Every State," Travel + Leisure – **Vedge**
- "The 10 Best Pepperoni Pizzas in America," The Daily Meal – **Pizza Brain** is #9

**August 2016**

- "The 12 Best Places for Pasta Around the U.S.," AFAR – **Modo Mio**
- "America's Best Cities for Foodies," Travel + Leisure
- "America's 50 Best New Restaurants 2016," Bon Appétit – **South Philly Barbacoa** and **Wm. Mulherin's Sons**
- "The 5 Best New Sandwiches in America," Bon Appétit – Sandwich of the Year: The Classic Lox Sandwich from **Philly Style Bagels**

**June 2016**

- "50 Iconic Foods Across America That Demand a Road Trip," MSN Foods – Philly cheesesteak is #5

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#### **April 2016**

- “10 foodie vacations for every price point,” Canadian Living online
- “The top 10 restaurants in America, according to OpenTable,” Business Insider – **Vetri** is #10

#### **March 2016**

- “11 of the Best US Cities for Vegans,” Matador Network – Philadelphia is #5
- “101 Best Restaurants in America 2016,” The Daily Meal – **Zahav** (#37) and **Vetri** (#82)
- “Best Airport Sitdown Dining,” USA Today’s 10Best – **Local Tavern** at Philadelphia International Airport is #7
- “5 Travel Destinations for Foodies,” Black Enterprise

#### **February 2016**

- 2016 Star Ratings, Forbes Travel Guide – **Volvér** named a five-star restaurant; **Lacroix** named a four-star restaurant

#### **January 2016**

- “The 50 foods that best represent the 50 states,” USA Today College – Cheesesteak is Pennsylvania’s
- “America’s 38 Essential Restaurants,” Eater – **Zahav** and **Vedge**

#### **December 2015**

- “The 10 Best Food Cities in America Ranked,” The Washington Post – Philly is #6
- “The 25 Best New Restaurants in America,” Gear Patrol – **Neuf**
- “These Are the 10 Best Restaurants in America,” Elle Decor online – **Vetri** is #10

#### **Great Food Destination Stories:**

- **50 Best Places to Travel in 2017, Food & Wine, December 2016**
  - Food & Wine picked up the [Travel + Leisure destination accolade](#).
- **Drop the Cheesesteak: These Are the Regional Foods You Have to Eat in Philadelphia, Bon Appétit, Alex Delany, December 13, 2016**
  - “We’ve praised Philadelphia’s restaurant scene for a while here at Bon Appétit. Whether it’s pizza, bagels, or tacos, Philly knows how to cook.”
- **Eat This Now: Philadelphia’s 30 Essential Dishes, Zagat, November 21, 2016**
  - “From decades-old sandwich institutions to bright newcomers making national headlines, Philadelphia’s dining scene is positively booming.”
- **A Four-Day Feast in Philadelphia, The New York Times, November 22, 2016**
  - “Even leaving aside its indigenous cheesesteak sandwiches and soft pretzels, Philly as a culinary destination feels like an organic accomplishment — the natural outcome of being itself.”
- **Philadelphia Food Freedom, Travel Industry Today (Canada), November 1, 2016**
  - “My food intake reached the maximum levels even though I just scratched the surface of the incredible culinary scene from food trucks to food emporiums to gourmet restaurants.”
- **Great Restaurants in Philadelphia, Travel + Leisure, October 21, 2016**
  - “Philadelphia isn’t some flashy food town easily swayed by passing trends. True to the spirit of its founding fathers, the city is a refuge for freethinking entrepreneurs who put their faith in community.”

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- **11 Ideas For Your Next Weekend Getaway, Black Enterprise, August 31, 2016**
  - “With over 200 BYOBs (bring your own whatever), it’s a perfect opportunity to taste test your way around the city.”
- **The Perfect Three-Day Weekend in Philadelphia, Travel + Leisure, August 23, 2016**
  - “Philly is home to world-class art museums, sprawling parks, and a buzzy restaurant scene that embraces everything from Israeli to specialties to funky vegan-meets-Mexican mash-ups.”
- **How To Eat Fresh In Philly, Paste Magazine, August 23, 2016**
  - “Philadelphia is a tinderbox of culinary creativity.”
- **Philadelphia’s culinary and cultural convention bounce, Boston Globe, August 9, 2016**
  - “The Democratic National Convention became much of the country’s excuse to visit the City of Brotherly Love, but Philly’s historical significance—and killer restaurant scene—will remain a worthy tourist destination well beyond this election cycle.”
- **In Philly for the DNC? Dine Like a Political Power Player at These Restaurants, Vogue, July 27, 2016**
  - Delegates and conventioners will enjoy Philly’s “exceptional food scene.”
- **10 great places to eat in Philadelphia, for convention-goers and the rest of us, The Washington Post, July 12, 2016**
  - “No contest. The clear winners in the 2016 presidential convention game are the Democrats.” (Thanks to Philly’s food scene.)
- **Everything You Need to Know About Philly’s BYOB Scene, AFAR, June 10, 2016**
  - “Only in Philly can you show up to dinner with a bottle of whiskey and be taken seriously.”
- **In the City of the Cheese Steak, Vegans Feel at Home, The New York Times, May 4, 2016**
  - “Philadelphia...has blossomed into a dynamic universe of vegan food.”
- **5 Travel Destinations For Foodies, Black Enterprise, March 10, 2016**
  - “Philadelphia’s foodie scene is thriving with a new crop of restaurants, cafés and even food trucks.”

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