

Here are San Francisco's 5 favorite restaurants (Photos)

We asked our readers what their favorite San Francisco restaurants are and the results are in: San Franciscans like their eateries to have a lot of ambience, be good for doing business and have a good value for the price.

There's no doubt that San Francisco is a mecca for foodies. Whether it's old-school Italian, Californian-Indian or contemporary Moroccan that someone's craving, the possibilities for top-quality restaurants are endless.

Over 100 readers responded to our first annual survey. We asked our readers for their top three favorites, as well as whether those spots are good for business dining, value and ambience. Scores were then formulated for each restaurant; whichever spot a respondent picked as their first choice got three points, their second pick got two points, and their third pick received one point. Each restaurant's overall score reflects a combination of points from different respondents' votes.

Business dining, value for price and ambience scores are out of 100 possible points. For example, if multiple respondents voted for a restaurant and they all agreed that it is good for business dining, then that restaurant received a score of 100 for that category.

Almost all respondents say the overall quality of San Francisco's food scene is "above average" or "excellent." Only 6 percent of respondents say it is just "average."

When it comes to rating the value of San Francisco's food scene, only one respondent says "affordable." On the other end of the spectrum, 62 percent of respondents say it's "expensive," while 24 percent say it's "average." Another 12 percent say the value is "overpriced."

Among restaurants that scored the highest, only one-Michelin starred restaurant made the top five, along with another that has two Michelin stars. [Anthony Bourdain](#) visited one of the spots in the top five for his show "No Reservations."



Rank: #3 (tied): Blue Mermaid Restaurant

Overall score: 13

Business dining score: 100

Value for price score: 81.5

Ambience score: 100

Address: 495 Jefferson St., Fisherman's Wharf, Russian Hill

Description: Menu with Barbary Coast and Gold Rush heritage, like homemade chowders, steamed mussels and cioppino.