

Savor Sweet Home Alabama

In both fine-dining establishments and hidden gems across the state, Alabama's culinary scene is thriving. Birmingham, Alabama's most popular foodie destination, has something for every taste, from barbecue so tender it falls apart in your mouth to French-inspired cuisine that transports you to another world. Here's just a sample of the flavors you can savor on your next visit to Sweet Home Alabama, all of them 2023 James Beard Award nominees.



Best of Birmingham

1 BOTTEGA

Making its mark in a stunning Beaux-Arts building in the heart of Birmingham's Highland Park, Bottega offers fine dining in a warm, sophisticated atmosphere. Italy inspires the décor and the cuisine, carefully crafted by linking ingredients from the American South with artisanal producers from the Italian countryside. Bottega's adjoining Café features a menu built around pizzas and dishes cooked in a wood-fired brick oven. The setting may be more casual, but the flavors are every bit as sophisticated as those served in the dining room. Multiple award-winning chef and owner Frank Stitt has again led Bottega to be named a James Beard Award semi-finalist, this time in the 2023 **Outstanding Hospitality** category.

2 JOHNNY'S

In an understated, second-story storefront in Homewood, third-generation restaurant owner and chef Tim Hontzas creates an elevated culinary experience that has locals and visiting foodies alike lining up to get a taste. Tim's unique dishes blend all the comforts and hospitality of traditional Greek plates and southern specialties with an elegant finish only a multi-award winning chef could design. In fact, 2023 marks his sixth nomination as a James Beard Award semi-finalist for **Best Chef**. Johnny's takes pride in its commitment to seasonal, locally-sourced ingredients, and holds itself to a standard set by Tim's grandfather, the original Johnny, who immigrated to the US from Greece in 1921.

3 PIZZA GRACE

Located on historic Morris Avenue in downtown Birmingham, this upscale pizzeria provides a sleek, modern atmosphere in which to enjoy delicious pizza and decadent desserts built on the foundation of small batches of homemade dough. Toppings and fillings are proudly sourced from local Alabama farms and producers. Foodies and food critics agree this is one of Birmingham's best, as Pizza Grace was nominated as a 2023 James Beard Award semi-finalist in the **Best New Restaurant** category. Pizza maker and founder Ryan Westover hopes you'll feel their soulful approach to cooking and baking each and every time you visit.

Come explore the full Alabama food-and-drink experience and find your own favorites.

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