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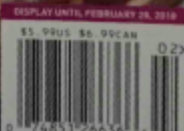
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AND WAFFLES,
WINTER SALADS,
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RECIPES

CHICKEN AND WAFFLES
AT SUCCOTASH IN
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Openings around the South ▼

MUCHACHO

Atlanta, Georgia

An eclectic menu of breakfast tacos and poke bowls combine with a 1970s-era aesthetic at Michael Lennox's new Atlanta eatery. The founder of Ladybird Grove and Mess Hall crafted his new counter service concept as a nod to Venice Beach, with a curated menu and a patio overlooking the city's popular BeltLine trail.

SOUTHERN NATIONAL

Mobile, Alabama

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NICO

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

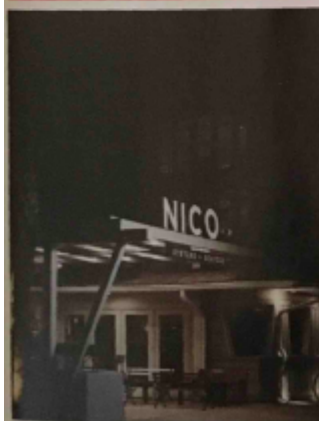
With a propensity for wood-fired seafood, chef Nico Romo's eponymous new spot combines French flair with the spoils of Lowcountry waterways. Explore the extensive raw bar selection—grab a partner and go for Le Petit Plateaux, filled with oysters, clams, and seafood escabeche—or head for the grands plats like fire roasted fish with beurre rouge.

DOWNSTAIRS AT THE ESQUIRE TAVERN

San Antonio, Texas

Beverage director Houston Eaves champions adventurous and homegrown ingredients, and crafts cocktails that share a common element: corn. (Think purple corn gin and clove mezcal.) Why? Many historians believe the crop was domesticated in modern-day San Antonio. Try the Seeds of Life with pozole rojo, corn vodka, and burnt tortilla salt.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:
MUCHACHO, SOUTHERN NATIONAL,
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Travel, Eat, Repeat

A taste of Southern culinary events



GOURMET
AND GRAPES

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Kiawah Island, SC
kiawahresort.com

Every year, Gourmet and Grapes attendees vote to award the Golden Fork to the festival's best chef. To celebrate its tenth anniversary, the festival is gathering five past winners for a Friday night collaborative dinner, An Epicurean Affair. Top off the evening with a scotch or whiskey at Nightcap, presented by the *Local Palate*.

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**QUEEN CITY
BREWERS FESTIVAL**
Charlotte, NC
qcbrewfest.com

Sample the best of Charlotte's beer scene from thirty-six local breweries paired with tastings from area restaura-

rants at this seventh annual fundraising festival. Proceeds benefit ACEing Autism, a nonprofit that organizes tennis clinics for children affected by autism spectrum disorder.

8-11

**WHISKEY, WINE,
AND WILDLIFE**
Jekyll Island, GA
whiskeywineandwildlife.com

With events like an afternoon wine cruise and a whiskey tasting showcase, this oceanfront festival has something for every beverage enthusiast to enjoy. Sit in on a seminar to learn from master distillers and vintners, or indulge at the Sunday brunch to get your bloody mary fix.

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**CAJUN EXTRAVAGANZA AND
GUMBO COOK-OFF**
Lake Charles, LA
visittolakecharles.org

Get your gumbo on in true Mardi Gras fashion at this festive tasting event. Sample from more than sixty varieties of the Cajun staple and vote for your favorite from categories like chicken and sausage, seafood, and wild game from both

amateur and professional cooking teams.

21-25

**SOUTH BEACH
WINE AND FOOD
FESTIVAL**
Miami Beach, FL
sobewff.org

Hosted by the Food Network and the Cooking Channel, this five-day fest is stocked with celebrity chefs, intimate dinners, and late-night parties along Miami Beach. Join Southern restaurateurs John Currence, Steven Satterfield, and John Kunkel for a collaborative dinner at Kunkel's Yardbird Southern Table and Bar.



PAIRINGS

22-24

PAIRINGS
Nashville, TN
nashvillewineauction.com

Hosted by Nashville Wine Auction, this wine-filled weekend kicks off Thursday



2.27-3.4

VIRGINIA WINE EXPO
Richmond, VA
virginiawineexpo.com

Taste your way through Virginia wine country accompanied by wines from guest regions Oregon, New Zealand, and Australia at the eleventh annual Virginia Wine Expo. New this year, guests can also sample spirits from Virginia distilleries. Dinner events include Smoked, which pairs 'cue from Richmond pitmasters with wine and whiskey, and Bounty of Virginia, a grazing event focused on fare sourced from local farms and the Chesapeake Bay.

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**SOUTHERN FOODWAYS ALLIANCE
WINTER SYMPOSIUM**
Birmingham, AL
southernfoodways.org

With a cast of writers, artists, and all manner of food industry professionals, the Southern Foodways Alliance takes on topics from food histories to the diversity of the region and more during their winter symposium, which also kicks off the next yearlong theme "Narratives that Transform." Between educational sessions, enjoy meals from Alabama locals Duane Nutter and Becky Satterfield.

25-27

**NATIONAL ANTI-HUNGER
POLICY CONFERENCE**
Washington, DC
antihungerpolicyconference.org

Co-sponsored by the Food Research and Action Center and Feeding America, this weekend event brings together advocates and government officials to fight hunger throughout the United States. Whether you're an interested citizen or policy expert, you can learn techniques to help enact change in your community and hear directly from Capitol Hill staff during panel discussions.



BOURBON
CLASSIC

2.28-3.3

BOURBON CLASSIC
Louisville, KY
bourbonclassic.com

Set in the heart of Bourbon Country, this weekend-long event goes beyond the traditional tastings with educational sessions focused on bourbon cocktails, pairings, legends, and more. Taste the competition as chefs and bartenders team up to create the perfect cocktail and small plate pairing.

NOT TO BE MISSED

**SOUTHEASTERN WILDLIFE
EXPOSITION**

16-18

CHARLESTON, SC
Set against the backdrop of historic downtown Charleston, the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition features art installations, chef demonstrations, and wildlife education. Stop by the *Local Palate*'s tent in Marion Square for tastings and spirit samplings throughout the weekend. sewe.com



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