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Here are PBJ readers' favorite new restaurants of 2024




The interior and exterior of Amaterra Winery, located in Northwest Portland and readers' favorite "new" restaurant this year.

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New restaurants are among the most exciting business startups for the communities they serve. Not that a new title insurance or architecture firm can't be exciting. But new flavors, drink concoctions and cool hangouts really enliven a neighborhood.

And since Portland keeps producing new eateries at a rapid rate, we added a question last year to our decade-old most popular restaurants survey, asking readers to name their favorite new place.

With 31 votes, Amaterra easily took the top spot this year. Started in early 2022, the West Hills winery and restaurant featuring Pacific Northwest dishes, moved up from the No. 2 favorite new restaurant last year. (We consider anything opened in the last three years to be new.)

It traded places with Kann, the Central Eastside Haitian restaurant launched by James Beard award-winning chef Gregory Gourdet in 2022, which [was far and away readers' favorite new restaurant last year](#). This year it received 25 votes.

In terms of old and new restaurants, [Amaterra was also the No. 2 overall favorite among PBJ readers](#) this year, collecting 105 votes, second only to RingSide Steakhouse, which got 176.

But getting back to new restaurants, Janken, a Japanese-Korean "celebration restaurant" in the Pearl District came in third with 17 votes, followed by Yaowarat, inspired by Bangkok Thailand's Chinatown in the Montavilla neighborhood with 10 votes. [Yaowarat is the latest venture from serial restaurateur Earl Ninsom](#). In fifth place with 7 votes was The Love Shack, a new cocktail bar in Slabtown connected to the G-Love restaurant. See the full list below.



FAVORITE NEW RESTAURANTS IN PORTLAND

The top 15 "favorite new places" to dine that opened in the last 3 years, according to more than 500 Portland Business Journal readers

Votes	Name	Cuisine	Neighborhood	Opened
31	Amaterra	Pacific Northwest	West Hills	Jan-22
25	Kann	Haitian	Central Eastside	Aug-22
17	Janken	Japanese-Korean	Pearl District	Nov-22
10	Yaowarat	Thai-Chinese	Montavilla	Oct-23
7	The Love Shack	Cocktail Bar	Slabtown	Feb-24
6	Bellpine	New American Pacific Northwest	Downtown	Oct-23
6	Dolly Olive	Sicilian	Downtown	Jun-24
6	Jeju	Korean BBQ	Central Eastside	Oct-23
5	Xiao Ye	First-Generation American	Hollywood	Sep-23
4	Cafe Olli	Bakery & Pizzeria	Northeast	Dec-21
4	Coq au Vin	French	Northwest	Sep-23
4	L'Orange	French Riviera	Southeast	Jun-23
4	Le Clown	French	Northeast Pop-Up	Feb-24
4	Lilia Comedor	Pacific Northwest Mexican	South Waterfront	Oct-22
4	Silk Road	Chinese Cocktail Bar	Pearl District	Mar-24

Source: Portland Business Journal online reader survey conducted April 8 to May 12, 2024.

[Here is a view of what readers think of the local restaurant scene overall](#), in a time of so many openings and closings.

THE LIST

Most Popular Restaurants in the Portland Metro Area

Overall score

Rank	Prior Rank	Name / prior rank / URL
1	1	RingSide Steakhouse
2	2	Amaterra
3	3	Nostrana

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