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WCLM 2022 Restaurant Recommendations:

Michelin Stars:

- **Addison (two Michelin stars)**

- Addison is classic fine dining with elaborate nine course chef's tasting dinners.
- addisondelmar.com
- 858-314-1900



- **Jeune et Jolie (one Michelin star)**

- A (very) chic modern French restaurant with a SoCal flair. With a can't-miss tasting menu and open kitchen on display, you'll want to make reservations far in advance.
- jeune-jolie.com
- 760-637-5266



- **Soichi (one Michelin star)**

- A family-run sushi bar with reservations booked a month in advance. You'll want to sit at the sushi bar for their eight-course omakase experience.
- soichisushi.com
- 619-677-2220



- **Sushi Tadokoro (one Michelin star)**

- Located in the traditionally Mexican food-oriented Old Town, the sushi is traditional Japanese, minimalist, and with a punch.
- sushitadokoro.com
- 619-297-0298



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Local Joints near Springhill Suites Hotel:

- Mi Rancho Market
 - A real Mexican kitchen inside a tiny local market. If you want authentic Mexican antojitos this is where you want to go. Hands down the best tacos in Escondido. The Al Pastor and the fish tacos are muy sabroso!
 - <https://www.yelp.com/biz/mi-rancho-market-escondido>
- A Delight of France
 - The absolute best Almond croissants in the world. The founders have an across-the-world true love story. He teaches the art of French pastry in the kitchen. French bites along with espresso and fine French pastries.
 - <https://www.adelightoffrance.com>
- O'Sullivan's Irish Pub
 - Hearty Irish fare and a full bar. Add in live music and open air dining options and this is a great place to experience the laid back Escondido vibe.
 - <https://osullivansestcondido.com>
- Bellamy's
 - Fine dining in Escondido. French influenced California cuisine. Both the Burrata salad and Garlic Prawn Torchio Pasta are outstanding. Reservations recommended.
 - <https://www.bellamysdining.com>
- Vintana Wine & Dine
 - Located across the freeway from the hotel in the top floor of the Lexus dealership. Typical of poultry, seafood and steaks. Good local wine selection. Outstanding outdoor patio and evening views of the Escondido valley. The Parmesan Gnocci and Jumbo Asparagus side are both worth a try.
 - <https://www.cohnrestaurants.com/vintana>
- Rock n' Jenny's Italian Subs
 - Want to grab a delicious handmade sandwich? The best in town are here. Just down the hill from the hotel, behind McDonald's. A 30 year family affair still run by Jenny. The 'Famous Turkey Sub' is excellent.
 - <http://www.rocknjennysitaliansubs.com>
- EscoGelato
 - Home made gelato, paninis, soup, espresso, tea and fresh pastries served here. All gelato made fresh daily. Bottled beer and local wines too. Check out the Chicken and Artichoke or the Cali Caprese paninis. Delicious. Late breakfast, lunch or dinner on the patio out front. Small but definitely worth a visit.
 - <https://escogelato.com>
- Plan Nine Alehouse
 - Funky garage door fronted joint right downtown in Escondido. Excellent local beer, good burgers and cheesteaks. California desert version of a Bavarian brauhaus.
 - <http://www.plan9alehouse.com>
- Cenote Grill
 - Want something a little different in a Mexican restaurant? A couple of miles north of the hotel. Charming atmosphere. Good choice of Mexican beers. The Three Sopas and Camarones Modelo plates are both excellent. Relatively small so call ahead to check on availability.
 - <http://www.cenotegrill.com>
- Stone Brewing
 - San Diego is also home to one of the nation's most-thriving micro brew communities. Stone is at the top of the heap. Looking for outdoor dining in a magnificent hillside garden and brewery? Look no further. From burgers to street tacos to prime rib, there's something for everyone.
 - <https://www.stonebrewing.com/visit/bistros/escondido>



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Local Joints near Hilton Garden Inn:

- **Coya Peruvian Secret**

- A cozy and delightful Peruvian restaurant just northwest of the hotel in Del Mar. Fresh seafood and ceviche top the menu in this hidden gem.
- <https://coyaperuviansecretdelmar.com/>
- 858-792-0821

- **Din Tai Fung**

- Head 10 minutes south to the UTC mall for your xiao long bao fix. The Hong Kong location has Michelin star status, and this fast-casual restaurant will keep you coming back for more, and more, of their delightful soup dumplings. Reservations, far in advance, are surprisingly required.
- dintaifungusa.com
- 858-375-5988

- **True Food**

- With locations throughout the West, True Food serves eco-chic, healthy, whole foods. Fast-casual and even as a local, it's never wrong to show up and order the umami burger. Excellent menu options for the whole family. Located by the UTC outdoor mall.
- <https://www.truefoodkitchen.com/sandiegoutc>
- 858-431-4384

Head 10 minutes southeast of the hotel to the Mira Mesa area for quite a few amazing selections...

- **Pho Cow Cali**

- An established Vietnamese pho restaurant with umami for days. Order the filet mignon pho and really step it up a notch. A hole in the wall worthy of not needing a website.
- 858-271-8341

- **Tofu House**

- Korean tofu soup, in a boiling hot cast iron bowl. If you haven't had this before, your tastebuds will explode from the flavor, and temperature. Crack a fresh egg into your soup, let it cook and then cool slightly while you enjoy the banchan (sides like kimchee, cucumbers, etc).
- <https://www.ustofuhouse.com/>
- 858-860-5296

- **Crab Hut**

- Cajun-style seafood boil straight from the south. Come hungry, enjoy the fresh seafood, and maybe pack a bandaid or two if you haven't done whole seafood slathered in old bay, butter, and garlic in a while.
- <http://www.crabhutrestaurant.com/>
- 858-860-5225

- **Rakiraki Ramen & Tsukemen**

- An umami-bomb of flavor, this is an outpost from the owner's other location in Convoy. Not just ramen, he serves charcoal-fired yakitori and other Japanese cuisines.
- <https://rakirakiramen.com>
- 858-536-3178



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Greater San Diego - Michelin Guides to Local Favorites, Vegan and more (alphabetical):

• **Animae**

- A million-dollar setting, the Pan-Asian menu is highlighted by Filipino classics like lumpia and kare kare. Possibly a future Michelin Star, it's worth the drive to downtown San Diego.
- animaesd.com
- 619-432-1225



• **A.R. Valentien**

- In a Craftsman-style dining room, the signature restaurant of The Lodge at Torrey Pines has true farm-to-table dining with ocean sunset views. It's the hotel dining you never knew you needed.
- lodgetorrey.pines.com/ar-valentien
- 858-777-6635



• **Callie**

- A California-Mediterranean cuisine with local ingredients. It's becoming a staple of the downtown food scene.
- calliesd.com
- 619-255-9696



• **Et Voila!**

- A neighborhood French bistro, its charming and approachable french dining, serving all the classics.
- etvoilabistro.com
- 619-209-7759



• **Fort Oak**

- V8? Yep that's a former auto shop. It has Michelin Plate status, a chic bar scene, and is a staple in Mission Hills. Did we mention the TDF black garlic?
- fortoaksd.com
- 619-722-3398



• **Herb & Wood**

- Thoughtful dining from local celebrity chef Brian Malarkey. A place to see and be seen in Little Italy.
- herbandwood.com
- 619-955-8495



• **Ironside Fish and Oyster**

- This Little Italy hot-spot has some of the freshest seafood in San Diego. The fishermen are specifically named on the menu, and everything from the lobster roll to the thresher shark is fantastic.
- ironsidefishandoyster.com
- 619-269-3033



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- **Juniper & Ivy**

- Another Little Italy rock star, Chef Anthony Wells has a commitment to support local farmers and fishermen.
- juniperandivy.com
- 619-269-9036

- **Kindred**

- Speaking of rock stars, this South Park rebel makes its mark with raucous style, a delectable vegan menu, and top-notch craft cocktails.
- barkindred.com
- 619-546-9653

- **Matsu**

- Chef William Eick's fine dining modern Japanese cuisine near the water in Oceanside. An optional 11-course chef's counter tasting, and did we mention there's now an eight-course vegan omakase too?
- eatatmatsu.com
- 760-681-6152

- **Menya Ultra**

- Fast-casual Japanese transplant with umami for days. The signature tonkotsu broth and noodles made in-house will bring you back for seconds.
- menya-ultra.com
- 858-397-2247 (Mira Mesa location)

- **Oscar's Mexican Seafood**

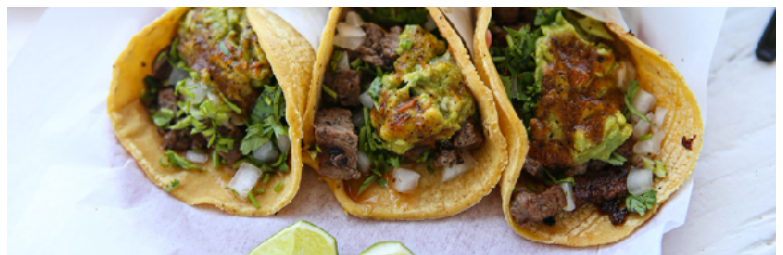
- Seafood-centric fast-casual Mexican food. From grilled octopus to adobo-marinated tuna tacos, and fresh ceviche, it's always a crowd pleaser.
- oscarsmexicanseafood.com
- 619-230-5560 (Hillcrest location)

- **The Rose Wine Bar**

- A neighborhood wine bar, now with a full cocktail list and a neighboring bakery. It has a casual dining menu, and it's one of the best places to taste and buy natural wines.
- therosewinebar.com
- 619-281-0718

- **The Taco Stand**

- Tijuana-inspired tacos on freshly homemade corn tortillas. Let me say that again - fresh, homemade, tortillas. Tacos of note are al pastor, shrimp, and sonora.
- letstaco.com
- 760-230-2061



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- **Venissimo Cheese**

- Home to all of the best cheese from all over the world. And their cheese and charcuterie trays are TDF.
- venissimo.com
- 858-847-9616

- **Vino Carta**

- A Little Italy wine superstar. The newer location in North county offers dinner service with delightful natural and small-production wines.
- vinocartasd.com
- 858-353-2815 (Solana Beach location)



- **The Waverly**

- From the group behind nighttime hot spot Kettner Exchange, The Waverly is located in North County San Diego. It's a trendy-casual daytime spot serving rice bowls, sandwiches, and salads.
- thewaverly.com
- 760-230-1682



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