

Minnesota Monthly food critics Jason DeRusha and Joy Summers rank their favorite dining establishments of at least 25 years in the state.

# TOP 10 CLASSICS

## .... Jason's ....

- 1: JAX CAFE** **Minneapolis**  
*Prime rib with crispy hashbrowns*
- 2: DAN'S BAR & GRILL** **New Trier**  
*Stuffed cream cheese wonton burger, topped with sweet chili sauce*
- 3: HOLY LAND** **Minneapolis**  
*The gyro is the classic, but get the stuffed grape leaves with the best hummus in town*
- 4: MANCINI'S** **St. Paul**  
*Lobster tail and sirloin combination*
- 5: MONTE CARLO** **Minneapolis**  
*Liver and onions—trust me! And a Manhattan.*
- 6: BROTHERS' CUCINA** **Minneapolis**  
*Chicken parmigiana sandwich with a slice of pizza on the side.*
- 7: COSSETTA** **St. Paul**  
*House-made Italian sausage and peppers with red sauce and the Cossetta Salad with crispy prosciutto*
- 8: MARKET BAR-B-QUE** **Minneapolis**  
*Barbecue chicken, slow roasted in a brick pit*
- 9: VAL'S RAPID SERVICE** **St. Paul**  
*Double cheeseburger, add bacon with French fries*
- 10: EL BURRITO MERCADO** **St. Paul**  
*Mole poblano in the restaurant, sopes platter at the express*

## .... Joy's ....

- 1: SAMMY'S PIZZA** **Duluth**  
*Sausage pizza*
- 2: DUSTY'S BAR** **Minneapolis**  
*Dago with onions, peppers, and cheese*
- 3: MONTE CARLO** **Minneapolis**  
*Wings and a dirty martini*
- 4: GORDY'S HI-HAT** **Cloquet**  
*Cheeseburger and a chocolate malt*
- 5: MICKEY'S** **St. Paul**  
*America's Favorite All-Day Meal, eggs over easy, sourdough toast, sausage links*
- 6: MANICINI'S** **St. Paul**  
*Steak and garlic bread*
- 7: UNCLE LOUI'S CAFE** **Duluth**  
*Greek omelet with gyro meat and feta with a mammoth pancake on the side*
- 8: CECIL'S** **St. Paul**  
*Matzo-ball chicken soup*
- 9: MOSCOW ON THE HILL** **St. Paul**  
*Pelmeni, a shot of vodka, and a gherkin*
- 10: PICKWICK** **Duluth**  
*French dip*