

*a locals guide to*  
**The Best Dinner Dates**

*our favorite tables across Sacramento, Placer & El Dorado County*

*sister healtons sharing the  
local spots we love*



# Sacramento *farm to fork capital*

*candlelight, good wine, no rush —*

## The Waterboy

**Midtown**

FRENCH-ITALIAN · DATE NIGHT

An elegant Midtown mainstay since the '90s — that sweet spot between French-Italian fine dining and California cool. The steak frites are flawless, the house-made pasta is the quiet star, and the Negroni may be the best in town. Ask for a window seat.

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## Hawks Public House

**East Sac**

MICHELIN-RECOGNIZED GASTROPUB

Sophisticated farm-to-fork without a drop of pretension. This East Sac gastropub earns Michelin praise for dishes built around small farms and local ranches. Elegant but easy — the kind of dinner that feels special without trying too hard.

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## Magpie Cafe

**R Street**

FARM-TO-FORK, DONE RIGHT

If Sacramento is the farm-to-fork capital, Magpie is where you feel it most — a menu that changes with what's fresh, a warm R Street room, and produce and pasta that taste picked that morning. Our pick for a relaxed, really good dinner.

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# More Sacramento

*a few more we love*

*downtown favorites worth dressing up for —*

## The Grange

**Downtown**

MICHELIN GUIDE · FARM-TO-FORK

Sophisticated but down-to-earth, tucked inside the historic Citizen Hotel. A Michelin Guide farm-to-fork kitchen with a dramatic two-story wine vault, leather banquettes, and rustic-refined plates from regional farms. A standout for a polished dinner or a celebration.

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## Mayahuel

**Downtown**

MEXICAN · TEQUILA · MURALS

An experience for the senses. Tequila Museo Mayahuel fills a downtown space with colorful murals, authentic home-style recipes — the mole is the move — and a staggering tequila list. Lively and romantic at once, made for a celebration with a margarita in hand.

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# Placer County *up the hill*

*from Roseville out to the foothills —*

## La Provence

**Roseville**

ROMANTIC FRENCH · TWINKLY TERRACE

The most romantic patio in Roseville, hands down — twinkling lights, leafy trees, and a creek just beyond. Classic French-California cooking and an ambiance made for date night. Ask for a table on the terrace and settle in.

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## The Chef's Table

**Rocklin**

FARM-TO-TABLE AMERICAN · COZY

A modern-day Cheers in Rocklin — friendly, farm-to-table, and full of regulars. Classic American with a creative twist, rotating local beers and wines on tap, and a warm, unfussy room. Easy, dependable, and always good.

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## Carpe Vino

**Auburn**

NEW AMERICAN + WINE · SPECIAL OCCASION

A gem in one of Old Town Auburn's oldest buildings — exposed brick, an ever-changing seasonal menu (the chef grows much of it on his own farm), and a serious wine shop right there. Our go-to up the hill for a celebration or a romantic night out.

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# El Dorado County *worth the drive*

*El Dorado Hills to historic Placerville —*

## Cascada

**El Dorado Hills**

UPSCALE MEXICAN · LIVELY

EDH favorite for upscale Mexican comfort food and a lively cantina vibe. Specialty tacos like the steak-and-chorizo chilangos, that famous spinach-artichoke quesadilla, and margaritas worth lingering over. Fun for a group or a festive night out.

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## The Independent

**Placerville**

HISTORIC MAIN STREET · DATE NIGHT

A Placerville staple on historic Main Street, from the family behind the beloved Heyday Café. Creative American fusion, clever cocktails, and charming garden patios — intimate inside, lively at the bar. One of the best dinners in old Hangtown.

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