

Richmond, VA Restaurant Guide

Compiled by Winter Shanck 2013

Updated 2020

**Must visit if time permits*

∞Visited & Recommends (contains pictures below listing)

αAvailable for curbside pickup, carryout or delivery during covid-19

±Closed but keep an eye out for a new restaurant from the restaurateur

Amuse Restaurant at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

200 North Arthur Ashe Blvd

Richmond, VA 23220-4007

P: (804) 340-1580

Lunch, Happy Hour & Sunday Brunch: 11:30a to 4:30p (daily), Dinner: 5p to 8:30p (Wed-Fri)

Website: <https://www.vmfa.museum/visit/dining/amuse-restaurant/>

Recommendations: Take in the museum collection and then enjoy a meal with a view. Make a reservation online. For parties over 8, call (804) 340-1580

NOTE: If you want a more informal environment with lighter “snacky” food, visit the [Best Café](#) at the VMFA in lieu of Amuse.

*Baker’s Crust (α)

3553 West Cary Street

Richmond, VA 23221

p: (804) 213-0800

Hours: 11a to 8p (Mon- Fri), 9a to 8p (Sat-Sun)

Website: <https://www.bakerscrust.com/>

Bev’s Homemade Ice Cream (α)

2911 West Cary Street

Richmond, VA 23221

p: (804) 204-2387

Hours: 1p to 5p (Sun-Thurs) and 1p to 9p (Fri-Sat)

Bistro Bobette (Lunch)

1209 East Cary Street

Richmond, VA 23219

p: (804) 225-9116

Hours: 11:30a to 2:30p (Tues-Friday) and 5pm to 10 pm (Mon-Sat)

Website: <http://bistrobobette.com/>



*Black Sheep (∞) (±CLOSED)

Note: Although closed now, this gravy smothered thinly pounded pork loin over yellow corn cheese grits dish, the Pork Grillades, by restaurateur Johnny Giavos was one of the best things I have ever eaten. Between the time this list was original created in 2013 and updated in 2020, Giavos next restaurant, Black Swan, also closed. Based on an [article](#) in the January 21, 2020 Richmond Times-Dispatch, Giavos is working on opening up a new restaurant and gourmet market, The Continental Manchester in the Manchester district of Richmond. I hope his new place comes to fruition.

Bottoms Up Gourmet Pizza (α)

1700 Dock Street
Richmond, VA
p: (804) 644-4400
Hours: 11a to 9p (Sun-Thurs), 11a to 10p (Fri-Sat)
Website: <http://bottomsuppizza.com/>

Buz and Ned's Real Barbecue (α)

1119 North Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23230
p: (804) 355-6055
Hours: 11:30a to 2:30p and 4:30p to 8p (Mon- Sun)
Website: <http://buzandneds.com/>

Capital Ale House

619 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219
p: (804) 780-2537
Hours: 11a to 10p (Sun-Thurs) and 11a to 12m (Fri-Sat)
Website: <http://www.capitalalehouse.com/>
Meal: Pumpkin Ravioli with Beef Brisket and a Cider Glaze

***Casa Del Barco (α)**

320 South 12th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
P: (804) 775-2628
Hours: 11a to 7p (Mon-Sat)
Website: <http://casadelbarco.com/>

Carytown Cupcakes (α)

3111 West Cary St
Richmond, VA 23221
p: (804) 355-2253
Hours: 10a to 8p (Mon-Sat) and 12p to 6 p (Sun)
Website: <http://www.carytown-cupcakes.com/>

Chez Foushee (α)

203 North Foushee St
Richmond, VA 23220
Hours: 2p to 6p (Mon-Fri)
Website: <http://www.chezfoushee.com/>

City Dogs (α)

3116 East Cary Street
Richmond, VA 23219
p: (804) 343-3647
Hours: 11a to 12a (Sun-Thurs), 11a to 3a (Fri-Sat)

Website: <https://www.citydogsrva.com/>



***Comfort (∞) (±CLOSED)**

According to an [article](#) in the January 6, 2020 edition of the Richmond Post-Dispatch, Comfort closed after 17 ½ years in business. Chef Jason Alley upon announcement of Comfort's closing said, "It's time. It's been a really good run and we have a lot of stuff going on. I'm ready for phase two of my career. I've been a cooking in restaurants since I was 10. I'm 46 now." Learning this in updating this list plucked my heart string a little. Although the plating and food looked simple, the chicken sandwich was perfectly seasoned and the mac-n-cheese reminded me of my family's version of the dish. True comfort food, indeed.

Croaker's Spot Soul Food (α)

1020 Hull Street

Richmond, VA 23224

p: (804) 269-0464

Hours: 11a to 8p (Mon-Thurs), 11a to 9p (Fri), 12p to 9p (Sat-Sun)

Website: <http://www.croakersspot.com/>

***The Daily Kitchen & Bar**

2934 West Cary Street

Richmond, VA 23221

p: (804) 342-8990

Hours: 4p to 2a (Mon-Sun)

Website: <http://thedailykitchenandbar.com/>

Dots Black Inn (α)

4030 MacArthur Ave

Richmond, VA 23227

p: (804) 266-3167

Hours: 9a to 12a (Mon-Sat), 9a to 3p (Sat Brunch), 10a to 3p (Sun Brunch)

Website: <http://www.dotsbackrichmond.com/>

***Fat Dragon (∞ MUST VISIT∞) (α)**

1200 N. Boulevard St

Richmond, VA

p: (804) 354-9888

Hours: 11:30a to 2:30p, 5p to 10p (Mon-Sat)

Website: <http://fatdragonrva.com/>

This was hands down the most delectable and flavorful meal I ate in Richmond, VA. For this meal, one of my vendors joined me and we split an order of Spicy Wings and Chili Dumplings. I ordered this Asian Style Ribs thinking that it would just be maybe 3 full ribs. It was the ENTIRE rack. These ribs were so nomtastic that I wish I had more than one stomach so that I could eat them all. Looking at this photo, I could still taste these ribs. They were THAT GOOD!



Garnett's Cafe

2001 Park Ave
Richmond, VA
p: (804) 367-7909
Hours: 11a to 9p (Sun-Sat)
Website: <http://garnettscafe.com/index.html>

***Gelati Celesti (α)**

8906 A West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23294
p: (804) 346-0038
Hours: 12p to 9p (Mon-Sat)
Website: <http://www.gelatiicecream.com/>

***Heritage (α)**

1627 West Main St
Richmond, VA 23220
p: (804) 353-4060
Hours (orders by phone): 1p to 5p (Mon-Sat)
Pickup: 5 p to 7p (Mon-Sat)
Website: <http://www.heritagerva.com/>

Julep's

1719-21 East Franklin St
Richmond, VA 23223
p: (804) 377-3968
Website: <http://juleps.net/>

Kuba Kuba (α)

1601 Park Ave.
Richmond, VA 23220
p: (804) 355-8817
Hours: 12p to 8p (Sun-Sat)
Website: <https://www.kubakuba.info/welcome>
NOTE: Featured on Best Thing I Ever Ate - Tres Leche Cake

Lamplighter Coffee (α)

116 South Addison Street
Richmond, VA 23220
p: (804) 728-2292
Hours: 7a to 5p (Mon-Fri) and 8a to 5 pm (Sat-Sun)
Website: <https://www.lamplightercoffee.com/>

Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken (α)

2200 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA
p: (804) 355-1059
Hours: 10a to 9p (Mon-Fri), 10:30a to 9p (Sat) and 11a to 9p (Sun)

Website: <https://www.leesfamousrecipe.com/>

Lemaire Restaurant at The Jefferson Hotel

101 West Franklin St

Richmond, VA

p: (804) 649-4629

Hours: 5p to 10p (Mon-Sun)

Website: <http://www.lemairerestaurant.com/index.aspx>

***Lemon Cuisine of India (α)**

3215 West Broad St

Richmond, VA 23220

p: (804) 204-1800

Hours: 11a to 3p (Mon-Fri), 11:30a to 3p (Sat-Sun), 5p to 10p (Sun-Thurs), 5p to 10:30p (Fri-Sat)

Website: <http://lemoncuisineofindia.com/index.html>

Lift Coffee Shop and Cafe (α)

218 West Broad St

Richmond, VA 23220

p: (804) 344-LIFT

Hours: 7a to 7p (Mon-Fri), 7a to 8p (Sat), 8a to 7p (Sun)

Website: <http://www.liftcoffeeshop.com/index.html>

Lulu's

21 North 17th St

Richmond, VA 23219

Hours: 5:30p to 10p (Fri & Sat), 10a to 3p (Sat)

Website: <http://www.lulusrichmond.com/home.aspx>

Max's on Broad

305 Brook Road

Richmond, VA 23220

(804) 225-0400

Hours: 4p to 10p (Mon-Thurs), 4p to 11p (Fri-Sat), 10a to 10p (Sun)

Website: <https://www.maxsonbroad.com/home>

Max's on Broad was a last-minute edition to my original list. I dined on grilled Magi Mahi and potato au gratin. Unfortunately, I can no longer remember whether I enjoyed this meal and the photo isn't providing the usual clues to decipher if I could recommend dining here. If I found myself back in Richmond, I would give it another try based on the menu.



Mezzanine (∞) (±CLOSED)



NOTE: This is the second place on my original list that I considered a "must visit," that is now permanently closed. My meal consisted of an appetizer of avocado tacos. This was my first-time having avocado in this transformative way. They were buttery with a light tempura crust. They were so damn good, I hummed while eating them. For my main course, I had had braised beef short ribs with Byrdmill grits in a ginger hoisin jus. O-M-F-G! Fork tender



heaven on a plate. Normally I am not a dessert person, but Mezzanine had Pumpkin Spice mousse with a ginger snap crumble on the menu. The hook was the moose, but I was really reeled in by the ginger snap (my all-time favorite fall cookie) crumble. It was light, fluffy perfection. According to an [article](#) in the September 18, 2015 Richmond Times-Dispatch, Mezzanine's chef/owner Todd Johnson said, "I had a great run (But) restaurants like Mezzanine — higher-end restaurants — are not the ones you're going to go to every day." I recommend keeping an eye out for any restaurant/food festivals or cooking events chef Todd Johnson attends. Don't walk to his station, **RUN!** That is how amazeballs his food is. Your mouth and stomach will thank me.

Noodles & Company (α)

1601 Willow Lawn Drive
Richmond, VA 23230
p: (804) 288-9777
Hours: 11a to 10p (Daily)
Website: <http://www.noodles.com/>

***Pasture (±CLOSED)**

NOTE: Another one bites the dust. This was the first local non-chain restaurant I visited for lunch after arriving in Richmond. Although able to sit 95 people, this restaurant was cute and charming. I ordered an American classic, a burger with fries. The burger was perfectly seasoned and cooked. The fries were delish. According to an [article](#) in the June 10, 2019 Richmond Times-Dispatch, Pasture's co-owner and chef, Jason Alley, stated, "After some hard introspection, we decided that it is time to close the restaurant. It wasn't a decision that we took lightly, but we feel like all things considered, now was the time."



Pearl's Cupcake Shoppe (α)

5812 Grove Avenue
Richmond, VA
p: (804) 285-2253
Hours: 10a to 5p (Mon-Sat)
Website: <http://www.pearlscupcakeshoppe.com/>

***Ronnie's Ribs, Wings, & Other Things**

1718 East Main St (Inside Visions Ultra Lounge)
Richmond, VA 23223
p: (804) 308-7524
Hours: 11:30a to 7p (Daily)
Website: <http://www.ronniesbbq.com/>
NOTE: Featured on Best Thing I Ever Ate – Pork Ribs

***Rostov's Coffee & Tea Co. (α)**

1618 West Main St
Richmond, VA 23220
p: (804) 355-1955

Hours: 9a to 5p (Mon-Sat)

Website: <http://www.rostovs.com/main.html>

The Savory Grain (α)

2043 West Broad St
Richmond, VA 23220

p: (804) 592-4000

Hours: 4p to 11p (Tues-Wed), 4p to 12a (Thurs-Sat)

Website: <http://www.thesavorygrain.com/>

Station 2 (α)

2016 East Main St
Richmond, VA 23223

p: (804) 249-4702

Hours: 11a to 12 midnight (Mon-Sun)

Website: <http://station2richmond.com/>

Sugar Shack Donuts (α)

1001 North Lombardy St
Richmond, VA 23220

p: (804) 278-5900

Hours: 7a to 2p (Mon-Fri), 8a to 2p (Sat-Sun)



T Miller's Sports Bar (CLOSED)

NOTE: I am a sucker for wings. I especially love buffalo wings. Fried or baked and topped with a spicy buttery sauce. It doesn't get much better than this. That's why, when I wound up at T Miller's Sports Bar with friends and colleagues attending the conference, I knew immediately that I would order the buffalo wings. They were not the best wings, but they hit the spot. T Miller's is now permanently closed.

Tarrant's Cafe (α)

1 West Broad St
Richmond, VA 23220

p: (804) 225-0035

Hours: 11a to 11p (Mon-Thurs), 11a to 12a (Fri-Sat)

Website: <http://www.tarrantscaferva.com/>

Meal: Mahi Mahi Fish Tacos

These tacos were okay. Adding siracha sauce elevated them, but I wouldn't necessarily order them again.



Toast (α)

7007 Three Chopt Road
Richmond, VA 23226

p: (804) 525-4525

Hours: 11a to 9p (Mon-Thurs), 11a to 9:30p (Fri), 9:30a to 9:30p (Sat), 9:30a to 9p (Sun)

Website: <http://www.toastrva.com/>

Meal: BBQ Sliders with French Fries

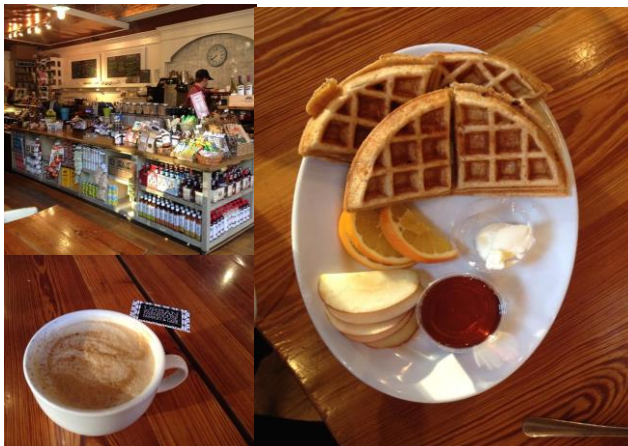
Having arrived in Richmond in time for dinner, this was my first meal. I was excited to try Toast because the menu was enticing, and it would be my first visit to a restaurant during the “gastropub” craze. I settled on a couple of sliders with French fries. The food was a little too greasy for my taste even though the flavor was good.

Tobacco Company Restaurant

1201 East Cary St
Richmond, VA 23219
p: (804) 782-9555
Hours: 11:30a to 2:30p (Mon-Fri)
Website: <http://www.thetobaccocompany.com/>

Bistro 27 (α)

27 Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23220
(804) 780-0086
Hours: 5p to 10p (Tues-Sat), 10:30a to 2p (Sat-Sun), and 5p to 9p (Sun)
Website: <https://bistrotwentysseven.com/>
Meal: Swiss Cheeseburger w/a salad and an Orange-Cranberry juice



***The Urban Farmhouse Market and Café (∞ MUST VISIT∞)**

1217 East Cary Street
Richmond, VA 23210
p: (804) 325-3988
Hours: 6:30a to 8p (Mon – Fri), 7a to 9m (Sat), 7a to 8p (Sun)
Website: <http://theurbanfarmhouse.net/>

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Urban Farmhouse Market and Café. Visiting this general store and restaurant were the perfect way to wrap up my time in Richmond. My meal included a pumpkin spice latte and waffles. Eating both produced a warmth in my belly and a smile on my face. I enjoyed the breakfast so much that I purchased a Turkey sandwich (no photo) for my train ride back to New York.

The Village Cafe (α)

1001 West Grace St
Richmond, VA 23220
p: (804) 353-8204
Hours 8:30a to 2a (daily)
Website: <http://villagecafeonline.com/>

Westhampton Pastry Shop

5728 Patterson Avenue
Richmond, VA
p: (804) 282-4413
Hour: 8:30a to 5:30p (Tues-Fri), 8a to 5p (Sat)

WPA Bakery (α)

2707 East Marshall Street

Richmond, VA 23223

p: (804) 716-9797

Hours: 7a to 8- (Tues-Sat)

Website: <http://wpabakery.com/>