





25TH ANNUAL

RESTAURANT

★ AWARDS ★

BEST YALETOWN

BLUE WATER CAFE + RAW BAR

1095 Hamilton St.
604-688-8078

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CIOPPINO'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL & ENOTECA

1133 Hamilton St.
604-688-7466

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THE FLYING PIG

1168 Hamilton St.
604-568-1344

pasta is bright and tingly, ingredients top-notch. The bar is the best secret, doubling as charcuterie and cold plates prep station. (The tenders really know their wines.) Go early or late. **Kingyo** (Silver) remains a chaotic, bustling delight with serious, well-priced food. At lunch, the limited-edition bento box is a jewel case filled with small, tasty gems. The original O'Doul's bar thrived as a local hangout; the revamped, energy-efficient **Forge** (Bronze) is a huge improvement (except for the demise of live jazz) and still an easy wander home. **HONOURABLE MENTIONS:** *Hokkaido Ramen Santouka, Tavola* ★

BEST YALETOWN In a district that's built out but still lacks a common spirit, judges rewarded general excellence. **Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar** took Gold for a mammoth space that surges like the ocean it pays tribute to. In it, great wines are

poured, clients are entertained, and supreme service makes big spenders and barflies feel equally at home. **Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill & Enoteca** (Silver) merits its spot on the strength of chef Pino Posteraro's unmatched chef-sommelier skills and his drive to innovate. If Yaletown does develop a hangout, it'll look a lot like **The Flying Pig** (Bronze): relaxed, urbane, consistently delicious (brunch, especially the warm banana bread, is killer). **HONOURABLE MENTIONS:** *La Pentola della Quercia, Homer St. Café & Bar* ★