



Quinoa bowl with tofu, at Earls. (Bottom L) Seafood fettuccine, at The Old Spaghetti Factory. (Bottom R) Saddle of rabbit with buttered noodles, at Araxi



ARAXI PHOTO BY JOHN SHERLOCK



# where TO DINE AWARDS

From casual pubs to hip après-ski spots to white-linen dining rooms, Whistler's restaurant scene has everything taste buds could desire. *Where's* well-travelled readers weigh in with their flavourful finds in our annual Where to Dine awards. **BY SHERI RADFORD**

## **BEST NEW** **Grill & Vine**

The room is spacious and welcoming, but the real star is fresh regional fare. Rich natural flavours shine in mains such as wild boar lasagne or scallops with bone marrow risotto. And the chef's grown-up take on the banana split pleases all palates. See page 28.

## **APRÈS-SKI** **Black's Pub & Restaurant**

Location location location: at the foot of both village gondolas sits this cheerful pub, ideally situated for après-ski treats such as veal and pork meatballs or warm Caesar salad with pancetta. See page 27.

**FINALISTS** Garibaldi Lift Co. Bar & Grill (page 22); Longhorn Saloon & Grill (page 22).

## **FAMILY FARE** **The Old Spaghetti Factory**

Spaghetti and meatballs (what else?) are the star of the menu at this casual spot, but other tasty options abound, such as baked chicken or jumbo crab ravioli. Wallet-friendly bonus: entrées come with fresh bread, soup or salad,

a drink and ice cream. See page 25.

**FINALISTS** Earls Kitchen + Bar (page 25); Mile One Eating House (page 28).

## **INFORMAL** **Earls Kitchen + Bar**

What started as a simple burger-and-beer joint 30-odd years ago still serves burgers and beer but also dishes up an array of West Coast favourites, from chicken curry to fish and chips. See page 25.

**FINALISTS** 21 Steps Kitchen & Bar (page 25); Splitz Grill (page 25).

## **FORMAL** **Araxi Restaurant + Bar**

For more than three decades, this popular dining room in the heart of the village has been winning accolades from diners and critics alike for its fresh regional cuisine and extensive wine list. See page 28.

**FINALISTS** Bearfoot Bistro (page 28); Rimrock Cafe (page 29). 

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