

EATER 38

The Essential 38 Houston Restaurants, January

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It's time to update the Eater 38, your answer and ours to any question that begins, "**Can you recommend a restaurant?**" This highly elite group covers the entire city, spans myriad cuisines, and collectively satisfies all of your restaurant needs, save for those occasions when you absolutely must spend half a paycheck. Every couple of months, we'll be adding pertinent restaurants that were omitted, have newly become eligible (restaurants must be open **at least six months**), or have stepped up their game. They are not ranked in any particular order.



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GIACOMO'S CIBO E VINO

Another low-key spot that served pasta made in-house, this restaurant really demonstrates not just what good Italian is, but what authentically exceptional Italian fare can be. And it manages to do so in a relaxed atmosphere, so you can focus exclusively on the food and warm service.

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