From a solitary oyster to a one-of-a-kind burger, these dishes stood out.

There's no lack of good roast beef sandwiches in these parts, but when Cutty's started serving its paper-thin slices of tender, pink meat on buttery brioche, a hush fell across the land. It was an uber-roast beef sandwich, the meat tangling with Thousand Island dressing, sharp cheddar, and crispy fried shallots. OK, so it shares a similar flavor profile to the Back Bay Social Club burger. I know what I like. Pretty much everything at Cutty's. But especially that roast beef sandwich. (And while we're on the subject of sandwiches, Coppa's Italian grinder is right up there.) 284 Washington St., Brookline. 617-505-1844. www.cuttyfoods.com.