

50 Best Restaurants Boston

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Coppa

253 Shawmut Ave., Boston, 617-391-0902, coppaboston.com.

WHEN KEN ORINGER AND JAMIE Bissonnette decided to open an outpost of Coppa's sister restaurant, Toro, in New York, many fretted over how their Boston darlings would fare. The answer? They're both doing great—and in the case of Coppa, with the kitchen in the hands of chef de cuisine Meghann Ward, we might argue that the intimate *enoteca* has never been better. Beyond the regular roster of impeccable charcuterie, blistering pizzas, and bold vegetables, find exciting specials like briny *gemelli con vongole* (spiral pasta with *uni*, clams, and prosciutto) and crackly skinned bass collar with greens. All of it, of course, pairs wonderfully with a swig of Lambrusco—which is offered by the glass *and* the bottle.

Can't-miss dish: *Wood-oven-charred cauliflower head with manchego and bagna cauda.*

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THE 50 Best Restaurants

Our thoroughly researched, call-it-like-we-see-it ranking of the restaurants that make Boston a true dining destination.

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