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

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Toro

1704 Washington St.,
Boston, 617-338-4300,
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FOR NINE YEARS, THIS ELECTRIC South End tapas spot has continued to push the boundaries of the Spanish small plate. Menu mainstays like the now-famous aioli-slathered street corn and gambas al ajillo—griddled shrimp in a buttery, chili-scented garlic sauce—are as good as ever, while dishes that stray from the Spanish theme (Thai curried mussels, broccoli with pistachio muhammara) keep us intrigued. Order a mix of both while perusing the extensive sherry list or sipping our new favorite libation: the “Calimocho,” a refreshing combination of cola and Spanish red.

Can't-miss dish: Bone marrow with oxtail marmalade and radish salad.