pork belly with miso-butterscotch and peekytoe crab with pineapple foam. He also offers an eight-course tasting menu dedicated to chocolate. 212.334.5182, www.tailornyc.com

Taylor's Automatic Refresher

St. Helena, Calif.

Taylor's is a classic drive-in where you can order burgers and shakes at the take-out window and eat them at outdoor picnic tables. Better still, the eatery is co-owned by winemaker Joel Gott, whose wine list allows you to pair your burger with a Paul Hobbs Cabernet instead of a root beer float. 707.963.3486.

www.taylorsrefresher.com

Terra St. Helena, Calif.

The husband-and-wife team of Japanese native Hiro Sone and Californian Lissa Doumani has made this Napa Valley restaurant a favorite for 20 years. He handles the sakemarinated broiled black cod with shrimp dumplings in shiso broth; she bakes the Eureka lemon cake and finishes it with Mever lemon ice cream and huckleberry sauce.

707.963.8931, www.terrarestaurant.com

Tetsuya's Sydney, Australia

"Original, precise, and refined" is how Didier Depond, director of the Champagne houses of Salon and Delamotte, describes Tetsuva Wakuda's food. The restaurant's 10course tasting menu showcases French- and Japanese-influenced fare such as a double-cooked, deboned spatchcock (a chicken that is split down the back before roasting) with braised daikon radish and bread sauce. +61.2.9267.2900, www.tetsuyas.com

Tru Chicago

Rick Tramonto and Gale Gand first worked together at a hotel restaurant in Rochester, N.Y., in 1981 and soon realized their talents paired well. Twelve years later, the executive chef and the pastry chef moved to Gand's native Chicago and ultimately opened this French-American

establishment. 312.202.0001, www.trurestaurant.com

Tullio ai Tre Cristi Siena, Italy

This 1830 trattoria is "the best place to eat fish in all of Tuscany," according to Thomas and Monika Bär of Gagliole in Siena, Italy, but the fare also includes excellent local meats and wild game. +39.0577.280.608, www.trecristi.com



Turandot Moscow

Rumored to have cost \$2 million, Turandot's lavish interiors evoke the stage scenery of the Puccini opera from which the restaurant takes its name. The pan-Asian menu seems out of place in the palatial surroundings, but a dinner at Turandot, much like a night at the opera, requires a suspension of disbelief. +7.495.739.0011

Veritas New York

With about 3,500 wine choices and as few as eight entrées, this restaurant has an obvious emphasis. The sommeliers can assist you with a wine and recommend dishes from Ed Cotton's wine-friendly menu of American bistro fare, 212,353,3700, www.veritas-nyc.com

Victory Hotel Sellicks Beach,

South Australia

Owner Doug Govan encourages diners to peruse his collection of wines, which features selections from the McLaren Vale region of Australia. "It's a cellar that any Michelin-star chef would envy," says Reid Bosward of Kaesler in Nuriootpa, Australia, "with prices that would make them crv." +61.8.8556.3083,

www.victoryhotel.com.au

Vinum North Malé Atoll, Maldives Huyafen Fushi resort's 6,000-bottle wine cellar is located 26 feet underground, well away from the relentless Maldivian sun. Here, the island's sommelier and food director. Sunny Chuang, hosts nightly wine tastings and weekly five-course winepairing dinners at a single round table that seats 12. +960.6644.222,

www.huvafenfushi.com

Watershed Decatur, Ga.

Scott Peacock cooks his Southern comfort food in this converted gas station where the wines are served in Riedel stemware. One of the owners is Emily Saliers of the Indigo Girls, who recorded the restaurant's namesake song. 404.378.4900,

www.watershedrestaurant.com

The Waterside Inn Bray, England Fabrice Uhryn and his staff of English, French, Swedish, Austrian, and German chefs produce dishes that the restaurant's web site deems "unashamedly French." The menu offers roasted duck glazed with spices, and also grilled tender rabbit fillets served on a celeriac fondant with Armagnac sauce and glazed chestnuts. +44.1628.620691, www.waterside-inn.co.uk

Wild Ginger Seattle

You might make your first visit for the satay bar or the five preparations of Dungeness crab, but you will return for the wine program that smartly balances the flavors of the Pacific Rim food, "Asian-fusion is the direction that so many restaurants are heading for these days, and it is an important reason why Riesling is hot right now," says Bob Bertheau of Chateau Ste, Michelle in Woodinville, Wash., who likes his own Riesling paired with Wild Ginger's spicier dishes. 206.623.4450, www.wildginger.net