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America's Best New Restaurants 2016

THE Fifty Finalists Are...

...an onigiri-slinging food truck, a pintxos party in the Rust Belt, an absolutely zero-frills taqueria, a French-Mexican brunch hangout, and 46 more of the most memorable restaurants we ate at this year. Check back August 16 to find out which spots earn a coveted place in the Hot 10.

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Wm. Mulherin's Sons

Turns out, Fishtown speaks beautiful wood-fired Italian



We know, we know: You were going to Fishtown before Fishtown was cool. You saw Kurt Vile play at Johnny Brenda's—we got it. But it's time to admit that over the past few years, while neighborhood rents have gone up, the food has gotten a lot better. (Perhaps you've heard of...[Pizzeria Beddia](#)?) So while it's easy to be skeptical of aglossy, expensively renovated restaurant with an old-timey name you're not sure how to pronounce, Wm. Mulherin's Sons isn't going to let you wallow in cynicism. In fact, chef Chris Painter and Co. are going to find you a seat in the gorgeously lit bar room, pour you an expertly made Lemonworld Punch (rye whiskey, rooibos tea, absinthe—hey, you ordered it), and set down a blistered pizza covered in Speck and topped off with a runny fried egg. The menu covers a lot of ground—a few crudo, high-brow bar-snacky stuff like veal tartare toast, big-ticket 24-ounce dry-aged porterhouses. But you're here for the pizzas and pastas, like the irresistible *casareccia* (short, twisty noodles) with vinegar-braised duck. Look around: Someone has thought about every detail, from the succulents tucked into the corners to the plush vintage couch by the wood-burning fireplace. It's pretty comfortable in here, right? Don't worry; [Johnny Brenda's](#) will still be there for a nightcap.

PRO TIP: This fall, a four-room hotel will open above the restaurant.

THE DETAILS: Dinner nightly.

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