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## A critic's choice of restaurants in Sarasota

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Looking to grab an out-of-the-ordinary bite while in Sarasota for the Neville Brothers show? *Times* food critic Laura Reiley suggests these spots.

**Mattison's City Grill:** It's casual, hopping, with Italian-ish small plates and pizzas, and lots of pretty people. It feels more urban than many of the other downtown restaurants, with great outdoor seating, cool wine events and cigar dinners, and live jazz nightly. 1 N Lemon Ave., (941) 330-0440, [mattisons.com/city\\_grille.cfm](http://mattisons.com/city_grille.cfm).

**MoZaic Restaurant:** The brainchild of chef Dylan Elhajoui, MoZaic has a seasonally driven menu that features ambitious dishes like braised cardoons on couscous flavored with lemon confit and raisins, or a tagine of tiny braised veal shanks. 1377 Main St., (941) 951-6272, [mozaicsarasota.com](http://mozaicsarasota.com).

**Michael's on East:** Romantic dinners *a deux* include slow-roasted duck with a sly bourbon glaze and comforting corn spoon bread, all flavors elegantly showcased with a gorgeous big-ticket burgundy or California pinot noir. 1212 East Ave. S, (941) 366-0007, [bestfood.com](http://bestfood.com).

**Patrick's:** Top honors for Sarasota's best burger. It's a casual spot, no reservations accepted, but with a faint patina of glamor. 1400 Main St., (941) 952-1170, [patricksofsarasota.com](http://patricksofsarasota.com).

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