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30 RESTAURANTS WHERE WOMEN CALL THE SHOTS

In each of these decidedly ELLE spots, women are changing up the food game, from the cuisine to the wine list to the dessert menu.



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For years women have been doing incredible things in restaurants, though not always getting the credit for it. That, we are happy to report, has changed. For ELLE's thirtieth anniversary, we've picked 30 restaurants across the country where women are calling the shots, from the cuisine to the wine list to the dessert menu. Below, the full list (and our criteria, in case you were curious).

Our Criteria

1. A woman is a head chef and/or owner. (Though we did include a sommelier whose wine list is as important as the menu and even an in-house farmer for this year's farm-to-table critical darling.)
2. The restaurant opened in the past two and a half years (with a precious few exceptions).
3. It's ELLE-ish—(a) the menu forward thinking and delightfully challenging, (b) the scene cool, (c) the décor sexy and inviting, (d) the food amazing



BONJWING LEE



Rye KC

Pies so ethereal you'll wonder if you're in Kansas anymore

After opening Bluestem, one of the most beloved fine-dining institutions in Kansas City, Missouri, husband and wife Colby and Megan Garrelts crossed state lines to the Kansas side of town (the suburb of Leawood, to be exact) and went more casual. The down-home, crowd-pleasing American grub—chicken and dumplings (\$18); griddle-seared hanger steak (\$20)—is executed with finesse and sophistication, keeping the local food cognoscenti coming back. Save room for a slice of Megan's pie, which comes in inventive flavors like Dixie (classic pecan with chocolate chips). ryekc.com