"EXCEPTIONAL" IS A FUNNY CONCEPT IN THESE FRACTURED TIMES.

Nowadays, anyone with an Internet connection is a dining critic, and anyone with a smartphone is an instant sports columnist. So for a magazine to pronounce the "Best" of everything smacks not only of presumption, but of anti-democratic leanings—or even rank oligarchism. Allow us to go on the record to explain our methodology. We gathered several dozen prominent Bostonians—business leaders, philanthropists, celebrity chefs—for dinner, then asked them to vote on the categories. Tallying the results, our editorial team set to work on vetting and research, producing this year's roster. You won't agree with all the results, but you're guaranteed that these winners deserve their accolades. So debate, argue, but most of all enjoy the 2013 Boston's Best Awards.
Burrito

Anna's Taqueria

Any burrito worth the name follows a formula: flavorful meats, a fresh tortilla and enough ambient warmth to melt the ingredients into a delicious jumble. Anna's gets it right with a savory breakfast version as well as choose-your-own-adventure options in which you mix-and-match rice and beans with fillings like slow-cooked chicken ranchero, carnitas or (delicious) beef tongue. Don't blink: Anna's crew can build and hand off your wrap in less than 20 seconds.

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