BOSTON’S BEST!
OUR ANNUAL GUIDE to the
CITY’S TOP
RESTAURANTS,
BARS,
BOUTIQUES
and more...

KING DAVID
Big Papi
Rules the City
Despite its frequent echoes through Fenway Park, we're not exactly sure when anyone was last "Shipping Up To Boston," but we're pretty sure they'd be pleasantly surprised. The number of new, reinvented, reimagined and just plain wonderful things is hard to keep up with, and for anyone who hasn't been keeping track, rest assured: We have.

If (or when) the Dropkick Murphys write Wicked Pissah—The Musical, they would undoubtedly mention some of the entries in this issue. Our Boston's Best is a compendium of the finest the Hub has to offer, from shopping, dining and nightlife to the people who make this "our f-ing city," to quote cover guy David Ortiz.

As to how we determine these superlatives, the process involves convening savvy locals, plying them with superb food and wine, and soliciting their opinions. This year, our gracious host was new Theater District hot spot Ostra, where arts impresarios, media mavens and business gurus gathered in the private dining room to weigh in on their favorite things about Boston. Votes were tallied and contenders vetted by our crack editorial team. Then, by an occult algorithm involving late nights, heated debates and many Solomonic choices, we arrived at our winners.

We'd like to thank our judges, Ostra, Big Papi and you, our readers, for making this our 23rd annual Boston's Best issue, the best ever. Enjoy, and if you're just shipping up, we sincerely hope you find your footing.
BURRITO
ANNA’S TAQUERIA

Oh, Anna’s—it’s almost unfair. Once again, their Mission-style missiles reign supreme. Rigorous cross-sectional analysis confirms their composition’s supremacy: a blissful equilibrium of rice, beans and brawn, like saucy carnitas or spicy slow-cooked chicken. Bounding all that goodness is a steamed, stretchy tortilla, rolled into a taut torpedo and snugly sheathed in foil. This savvy structure ensures that fillings stay put, so every morsel lands right in the tank instead of your shirt.

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