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Food and more Favorites in 2009

12 dishes to remember



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If I took every restaurant dish I ate in the past year, they could probably fill a large outdoor storage unit. But when I conjure up the dishes that stay in my mind, they fill only a table.

Here, in no particular order, are my favorite 12 dishes from the past year. These are not necessarily the best dishes out there, but they're the ones that I can still close my eyes and taste.

8. The new restaurant **Miller Union** takes its mission of serving seasonal food as seriously as any place in town. So it's no surprise to find a salad of chicory lettuces on the menu. What is surprising is how cannily chef Steven Satterfield treats these bitter greens by mating them to juicy segments of pink grapefruit in a thin, acidic shallot vinaigrette. The intense flavors all sort of slap each other down, and you're left with the taste of perfect balance in your mouth.

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