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“This is the best thing I have ever eaten in America.” P. 96

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Our Dish of the Year Revealed!



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THE '70s ARE BACK

I'm not ashamed to admit it: This year I drank countless Harvey Wallbangers, Long Island Iced Teas, and Grasshoppers. In the right hands—Pépé Le Moko in Portland, OR, or The Square in SF—these throwback cocktails taste better than ever.

← **Monkey bread with whipped lardo and seaweed butter**
Piora, NYC

Whipped ricotta with fresh-baked focaccia and olio nuovo
St. Cecilia, Atlanta

Whipped butter selection
Arro, Austin

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AN APPLE A DAY

Whether it was Anthem at Brimmer & Heeltap in Seattle or a Basque-style sidra at Davenport in Portland, OR, crisp, dry **hard cider** was my low-alcohol, meal-accompanying brew of choice. »



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How are restaurants improving on cultured butter, ricotta, and lardo? By whipping them. »



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