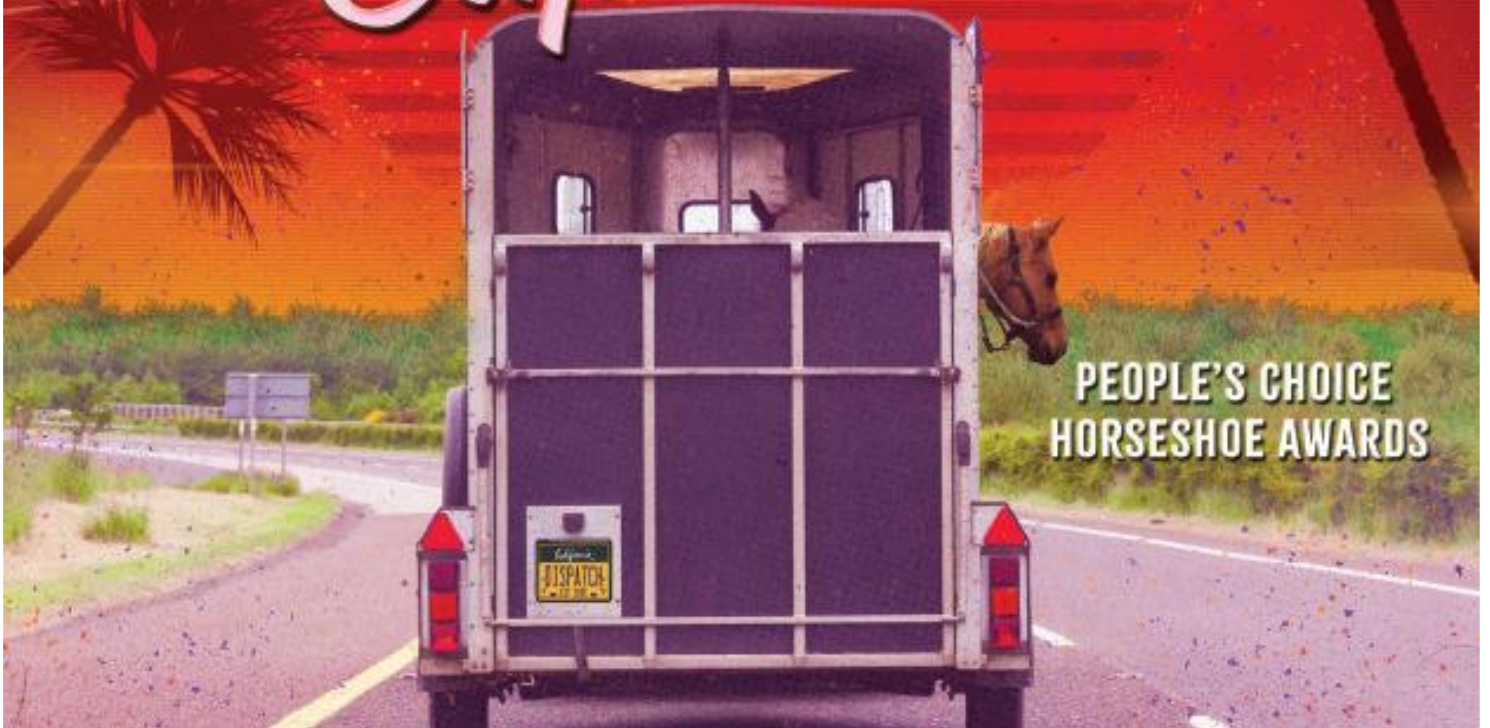


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### Best Sushi/Poke

**Totoya Sushi & Tapas**  
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Totoya Sushi & Tapas serves SJC reader's favorite sushi, sashimi, rolls, carpaccio and poke. Whether it is halibut or sweet shrimp sushi or squid or seared pepper tuna sashimi, there is something for everyone who prefers seafood to be uncooked. Other menu options include Totoya roll, baked scallop roll, octopus carpaccio, and tuna and salmon poke. Reservations are recommended.

**Oeshi Japanese Grill**  
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### Best Appetizers

**Five Vines Wine Bar**  
31761 Camino Capistrano  
949-800-9145  
[www.fivevineswinebar.com](http://www.fivevineswinebar.com)

The mouthwatering appetizers at Five Vines Wine Bar are the perfect start to its guests' meals. Diners can choose from seasoned olives, Mormor's famous cheese ball or bruschetta bites. Nutty mix, olive tapenade and hummus dip are also on the menu.

**Rancho Capistrano Winery**  
26755 Verdugo Street  
949-481-6682  
[www.ranchocapistranowinery.com](http://www.ranchocapistranowinery.com)

### Best Dinner Spot

**Five Vines Wine Bar**  
31761 Camino Capistrano  
949-800-9145  
[www.fivevineswinebar.com](http://www.fivevineswinebar.com)

When our readers want to have a wonderful night out at dinner, they head to Five Vines Wine Bar. The family-owned establishment serves meals that can be enjoyed individually, such as creamy red pepper and burrata pasta, skillet bourbon steak with garlic mashed potatoes, and pear and smoked prosciutto flatbread. Five Vines also offers boards that are perfect for sharing. Diners can build their own board from selections of sausages, meats and cheeses or opt for a combination cheese and meat board.

**Trevor's at the Tracks**  
26701 Verdugo Street  
949-493-9593  
[www.trevorsatthetracks.com](http://www.trevorsatthetracks.com)

### Best Restaurant for Outdoor Dining

**Trevor's at the Tracks**  
26701 Verdugo Street  
949-493-9593  
[www.trevorsatthetracks.com](http://www.trevorsatthetracks.com)

Set within a historic train depot, Trevor's at the Tracks is an ideal spot for a great meal on a sunny Southern California day or on a mild evening. Constructed in 1894, the building that houses the restaurant remains one of the earliest examples of Mission Revival Style architecture. Live music seven days a week on the relaxing outdoor patio enhances the ambience.

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### Best International Eats

**Ciao Pasta Trattoria**  
31661 Camino Capistrano  
949-496-5002 | [www.ciaopasta.net](http://www.ciaopasta.net)

When they are in the mood for great international fare, our readers say hello to Ciao Pasta Trattoria. Inspired by the traditions and flavors of the Southern Italian region of Puglia, executive chef Pasquale prepares dishes with fine ingredients such as artisanal pastas, homemade doughs, wild-caught seafood, free-range chicken and locally grown produce. Menu choices include mezze maniche, diavola pizza, limone e carciofi and Chilean sea bass.

**Mayfield**  
31761 Camino Capistrano  
949-218-5140 | [www.mayfieldoc.com](http://www.mayfieldoc.com)

### Best Family Restaurant

**Trevor's at the Tracks**  
26701 Verdugo Street  
949-493-9593  
[www.trevorsatthetracks.com](http://www.trevorsatthetracks.com)

SJC readers take their families to Trevor's at the Tracks to enjoy its historic setting and dine on healthy meals prepared with high-quality, locally sourced ingredients. They can start off with appetizers such as chimichurri fries, craft mac and cheese, and Tokyo tacos. For their meal, they can choose from a menu offering a no-lettuce salad, Japanese soba salad, pasta Espanola and Southern fried chicken.

**Bad to the Bone BBQ**  
31738 Rancho Viejo Road  
949-218-0227  
[www.badtothebone-bbq.com](http://www.badtothebone-bbq.com)

### Best Spot for Takeout

**Heritage Barbecue**  
31721 Camino Capistrano  
[www.heritagecraftbbq.com](http://www.heritagecraftbbq.com)

When SJC readers want the convenience of getting their food to go without sacrificing the quality of their meals, they place their orders at Heritage Barbecue. Preparing its Central Texas-style barbecues over a real wood fire, the restaurant offers a menu with choices such as brisket tacos, char siu pork belly, half chicken and the sausage of the day. Sides include true Texas queso, seasonal slaw, a potato salad of the day and a cheese of the day.

**Bad to the Bone BBQ**  
31738 Rancho Viejo Road  
949-218-0227  
[www.badtothebone-bbq.com](http://www.badtothebone-bbq.com)

### Best Ambience

**Five Vines Wine Bar**  
31761 Camino Capistrano  
949-800-9145  
[www.fivevineswinebar.com](http://www.fivevineswinebar.com)

The mellow, relaxed ambience at Five Vines Wine Bar creates a welcoming environment for

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**Services On The To-Do List**

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**Best Catering**

**Gold** **Bad to the Bone BBQ**  
31738 Rancho Viejo Road  
949-218-0227

www.badtothebone-bbq.com  
Bad to the Bone BBQ delivers the ultimate barbecue experience in larger quantities through its catering service. The restaurant slow-cooks and smokes its meats over pecan wood and makes its sides from scratch. Whether it is a wedding, birthday, fundraiser or any other occasion, its catering professionals have the right combination of training and event planning experience to assist with any catering need. Catering options include delivery, full service and on-site grilling.

**Silver** **Sundried Tomato**  
31781 Camino Capistrano  
949-661-1034  
www.sundriedtomato.com

to the bar restaurant, guests are made to feel at home as a member of the family that owns and runs Five Vines.

**Silver** **Mayfield**  
31761 Camino Capistrano  
949-218-5140 | www.mayfieldoc.com

**Silver** **Trevor's at the Tracks**  
26701 Verdugo Street  
949-493-9593  
www.trevorsatthetracks.com

**Best Spa for Massages**

**Gold** **Day Spa, Inn at the Mission**  
26907 Old Mission Road  
949-503-5713

www.spaathemission.com  
When our readers need help with tight muscles or just want to relax, they find relief in the soothing hands of the day spa at the Inn at the Mission. Its therapists personalize massages to achieve a sense of well-being, relaxation and restoration. Services, which can be booked for 50 or 80 minutes, include El Camino hemp massage, serenity massage, Mission aromatherapy massage and sacred journey prenatal massage.

**Silver** **Massage Associates**  
31952 Camino Capistrano  
949-489-7924  
www.themassageassociates.com

**Best Overall Customer Service**

**Gold** **Five Vines Wine Bar**  
31761 Camino Capistrano  
949-800-9145  
www.fivevineswinebar.com

A smaller, family-oriented approach that pervades Five Vines Wine Bar is reflected in the personable service it provides its customers. Whether it is a bartender catering to a patron's preferences for drink preparations or a friendly staff member welcoming someone