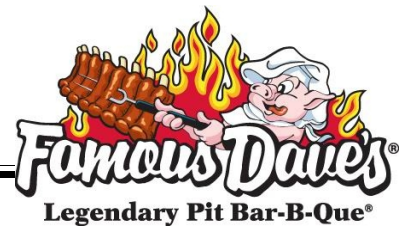


Famous Dave's Press Kit



AWARDS AND HONORS

Few restaurants in history have achieved as much recognition in a few short years as Famous Dave's. We don't mean to brag, but look at the awards and honors we've received...so far.

2010

- "Best Barbecue" – Reader's Pick – Las Vegas Review Journal *Best of Las Vegas* – Las Vegas NV – Sonoran BBQ
- "#1 Favorite Pork Provocateurs" – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine Reader's Poll – Minneapolis, MN
- "Best Live Music – 3rd Place" – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine Reader's Poll – Famous Dave's Calhoun – Minneapolis MN
- "Best Barbecue" – Reader's Choice – Minnesota Monthly – Reader's Poll – Minneapolis, MN
- "Best Bar-B-Que Restaurant" – Mankato Free Press Reader's Choice Online – Mankato MN – Baxter BBQ

2009

- "Outstanding Achievement Award" – Famous Dave's Website – Interactive Media Awards, Inc. – Famous Dave's Support Center – Minneapolis MN
- "Cleveland's Best BBQ" – 2009 Fox 8 "Hot List" Competition – North Olmsted OH – Buckeye BBQ
- "Best People Practices for Casual Dining" – People Report Best Practices – Famous Dave's Support Center – Minneapolis MN
- "Best BBQ Reader's Choice" – Daily Sentinel – Grand Junction CO – Basic Food Group
- "Best Overall Taste" and "Best Entrée" – Ft. Myers Taste of the Town – Ft. Myers FL – JP's Bar-B-Que
- "Best Barbeque" – Billings Gazette Reader's Choice – Billings MT – Rocky Mountain Ribs
- "Best BBQ" – Phoenix Magazine – Best of the Valley Reader's Poll – Phoenix AZ – Desert Ribs
- "Best Ribs – Golden Fork Award" – Fox Cities Magazine – Green Bay/Appleton WI – Team RnB
- "Best Wings – Grand Champion" – King of the Wing Competition – Pensacola FL – Fun Yum
- "Best Buffalo Wings" – King of the Wing Competition – Pensacola FL – Fun Yum
- "Best Barbeque – 2nd Place" – "A" List Denver Online Metroguide – Denver/Thornton CO – Basic Food Group
- "Best Bar B Que – 2nd Place" – Quad City Times Reader's Choice 2009 – Davenport IA – Elmore Foods
- "Best Restaurant Website" – Web Marketing Association – Minneapolis MN – Famous Dave's Support Center
- "Best of Taste" – 2nd Place – Taste of Colorado – Denver/Thornton CO – Basic Food Group
- "Most Unique Item – Chocolate Covered Bacon" – Taste of Colorado – Denver/Thornton CO – Basic Food Group
- "Best Barbecue Restaurant" – South New Jersey – NJ Monthly Reader's and Critic's Poll – Brick NJ – North Country BBQ
- "Best BBQ" Reader's Choice – 2009 "Best of the Best" edition – What's Up El Paso – El Paso TX – Sonoran TX
- "Best Catering" Reader's Choice – Lillie Suburban Newspaper – Roseville, Little Canada MN – Roseville MN
- "First Place – Sauce" – Critic's Choice – Mansfield Rockin' Ribs – Mansfield OH – Corporate Rib Team

- “Second Place – Best Ribs” – Critic’s Choice – Mansfield Rockin’ Ribs – Mansfield OH – Corporate Rib Team
- “Best BBQ” – Taste of Tacoma – Tacoma WA – Utah BBQ
- “Best Burger” First Place – City of Tracy 4th of July Picnic – Tracy CA – Star Ribs
- “Top Barbecue” Reader’s Choice – 5280 Magazine – Denver/Thornton CO – Basic Food Group
- “People’s Choice Award” – Taste of Fort Collins – Thornton CO – Basic Food Group
- “Best Restaurant – Best of the Main Line” – Reader’s Choice – Main Line Times/Main Line Suburban Life – Philadelphia PA - Pitmasters
- “The People’s Choice” – 2009 National Capital Barbecue Battle – Washington DC – East Coast Rib Team
- “Best Restaurant” Reader’s Poll – Bakersfield Californian – Bakersfield CA - Tacaza
- “Best BBQ” Reader’s Poll – Bakersfield Californian – Bakersfield CA - Tacaza
- “Critic’s Choice Greatest Ribs in America” – 1st place – Marc’s Great American Rib Cook-off – Cleveland OH – Corporate Rib Team
- “Critic’s Choice Greatest Sauce in America” – 3rd place – Marc’s Great American Rib Cook-off – Cleveland OH – Corporate Rib Team
- “Best Barbecue” Reader’s Choice – Minneapolis City Pages – Minneapolis MN
- “Best Blues Club” – Minneapolis City Pages – Minneapolis MN
- “Best Barbecue” – Fresno Bee People’s Choice – Fresno CA - Tacaza
- “Best Appetizers” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best BBQ” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Business Lunch” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Caterer – restaurants” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Comfort Foods” Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Ribs” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Theme Restaurant” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Place to Work” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best Carryout” – Daily Herald Reader’s Choice – Chicago corporate locations
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Fresno Bee – Fresno CA – Tacaza
- “Best Barbecue Restaurant” – Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine, Reader’s Poll – Minneapolis, MN
- “Best Barbecue” – Minnesota Monthly – Reader’s Poll – Minneapolis, MN
- “Best Chili – Professional Division” – 1st Place – Heart of America Chili Challenge – St. Joseph, MO – Concord BBQ
- “Best Chili in Missouri” – Missouri State Champion – Heart of America Chili Challenge – St. Joseph, MO – Concord BBQ

2008

- “Favorite Barbecue” – Omaha Magazine – Omaha NE – Cutchall Management
- “Best Ribs” Readers poll – Best of the Northland – Duluth MN – Baxter BBQ
- “Best Ribs” Readers poll – Nashville Scene – Nashville TN – Famous Five Dining
- “Cleveland’s Best BBQ” – Fox 8 Hitlist – Cleveland OH – Buckeye BBQ
- “Best BBQ” and “Best Restaurant” – The Daily Sentinel – Grand Junction CO – Basic Food Group
- “Best BBQ” – The Billings Gazette – Billings MT – Rocky Mountain Ribs
- “Best Barbeque Restaurant in the Central Valley” – People’s Choice – Fresno Bee – Fresno CA – Tacaza
- “Best Bar-B-Que” – First Place – Omaha Magazine “Best of Omaha” 2008 – Omaha NE – Old Market Ventures
- “First Place – Chili Cook Off” and “Best Design” Table Set Up – Nautical Mile Chili Cook-Off – Roseville, MI – Blue Ribbon Barbecue
- “Best BBQ” – Cityview – Best of Des Moines Magazine – Des Moines IA
- “Best Barbecue Restaurant” – Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine – Minneapolis/St. Paul MN
- “Best of the West 2008 BBQ” – West Suburban Living Magazine – North Riverside IL
- “Best Place for Ribs”, “Best Place for American Cuisine” – Courier-Post Newspaper (South Jersey) – Cherry Hill NJ – Pitmasters

- “Silver Spoon Award 2008 – Favorite Barbecue Restaurant” – Minnesota Monthly Reader’s Choice – Minneapolis/St. Paul
- “Best Blues Bar” – The City Pages *Best of the Twin Cities* – Calhoun Square, Minneapolis MN
- “Best BBQ” – Twin Cities Magazine – Minneapolis/St. Paul
- “Best BBQ” – Kane County Chronicle 2008 Reader’s Choice – Carpentersville IL
- “People’s Choice” – Wine, Brews and Blues Festival – Vista CA – Star Ribs
- “Best BBQ 2008” Reader’s Choice – azcentral.com’s 2nd Annual Viewer’s Poll – Phoenix AZ – Desert Ribs
- “Best Barbecue” – Colorado Springs Gazette – Colorado Springs CO – Basic Food Group
- “People’s Choice” – Chine National Capital BBQ Battle – Washington DC
- “Critic’s Choice Ribs”, “Critic’s Choice Pork”, “People’s Choice Best Ribs” – Cedar Rapids Barbecue Round Up – Cedar Rapids IA – Corporate Rib Team
- “Best of Tacoma in BBQ” – Taste of Tacoma – Tacoma WA – Utah BBQ
- “Best BBQ” – AOL City’s Best – Milwaukee – Waukesha WI – Team RnB

2007

- “Best Ribs – 1st place”; “Best Beans – 3rd place” – Midwest Championship Rib Cook-Off & Activities – Famous Dave’s Saginaw, MI – Big Ten Ribs
- “Best Dessert – Bread Pudding” – Tallahassee Magazine readers – Tallahassee, FL – Fun-Yum
- “Best Overall Restaurant” – 2007 Taste of St. Joe – Famous Dave’s St. Joseph, MO – Concord BBQ
- “Spirit Award” – Nation’s Restaurant News – System-wide award
- “Best Barbecue” – Phoenix Magazine – Famous Dave’s Phoenix, AZ – Desert Ribs
- “People’s Choice – 1st place”; “Critic’s Choice” – Columbus Ribfest – Columbus, OH - Famous Dave’s Rib Team
- “The Chinet People’s Choice Award” – 15th Annual Safeway National Capital BBQ Battle
- “Critic’s Choice: Best Pulled Pork” – Famous Dave’s 3rd Annual BBQ and Bluesfest – Minneapolis, MN - Famous Dave’s Rib Team
- “People’s Choice”, “Best Sauce”, “Best Presentation” – Holy Smokes Rib Off – Famous Dave’s Toledo OH – Big Ten Ribs
- “Best Blues Bar” – The City Pages *Best of the Twin Cities* – Calhoun Square, Minneapolis
- “Best Sauce” – Sioux Falls Ribfest – Famous Dave’s Sioux Falls SD - DTSG
- “The Public Health Excellence Award for Food Safety” – Famous Dave’s Manchester NH – North Country BBQ
- “Judge’s Choice” – Taste of Grand Haven – Team R n’ B Michigan
- “Best BBQ” and “Best Caterer” – Chattanooga News Free Press – Famous Dave’s Chattanooga - Famous Five Dining
- “Most Rockin’ Place in Knoxville to get BBQ” – WIMZ radio listeners – Famous Dave’s Knoxville - Famous Five Dining
- “Silver Fork Award – Best BBQ” – Greater Manchester Dining Guide – North Country BBQ Ventures
- “Best BBQ Restaurant In Frederick” – Frederick Magazine – Famous Dave’s Frederick, Maryland
- Blue Ribbon “Best Southern Cuisine” – Taste of Tallahassee – Famous Dave’s Tallahassee FL – Fun-Yum
- “Best Barbecue in Ocean County” – Asbury Park Press – North Country BBQ
- “Silver Spoon Award 2007 - Favorite Barbecue Restaurant” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine Reader’s Choice
- “Best Barbecue Restaurant” – Minneapolis-St. Paul Magazine Reader’s Poll
- “Best Ribs – Best of Long Island 2007’ – Long Island Press – Famous Dave’s Westbury NY – North Country BBQ
- “Philly’s Best BBQ” – AOL City Guide 2007 – Pit Masters LLC
- “New Jersey’s Best BBQ” – AOL City Guide 2007 – North Country Barbecue Ventures – Famous Dave’s North Jersey

- First Place – “Super Chili Bowl Cook Off Competition for Best Chili” – Famous Dave’s Bismarck, ND – DTSG, Inc.
- “Best Barbeque 2006” – Tucson Weekly – Famous Dave’s Tucson, AZ – Sonoran BBQ
- “Best Barbecue 2006” – Yuma Sun – Famous Dave’s Yuma, AZ – Sonoran BBQ

2006

- Critic’s Choice Best Ribs - The Nugget Best of the West Rib Cook-off, Reno, NV
- “Choice Restaurant” – Chains Gold Award from Restaurant and Institutions Magazine
- Readers Choice – Leader Telegram – “Best BBQ”
- Best of West & Press Readers Choice – “Best BBQ & Best Chicken” – Wyandotte West Newspaper
- “Best in BBQ” - City View’s Best of Des Moines
- “Best BBQ” – Readers Choice – Central NJ
- “City’s Best BBQ” – Philadelphia City Guide
- “Best BBQ” - Taste of Tacoma
- “Best of BBQ” – Seattle Bite, Largest Food Festival in Washington State
- Readers Choice Poll/Best of Delco - “The Best Ribs in Delco” – Delaware County Newspaper
- “Silver Plate Award” – IFMA
- People’s Choice “Best Ribs” & 2nd Place “Critics Choice Best Ribs” – Ribfest - Cleveland Ohio
- Battle of the Bones, Grand Haven, MI – 1st Place – “Judges Choice”, 2nd Place – “People’s Choice”, 1st Place – “Best Booth”
- Famous Dave’s BBQ, Mishawaka, IN was voted Best BBQ in the 2006 Channel 16 (NBC channel WNDU) Viewer’s Choice Awards.
- Famous Dave’s- BEST BBQ - by the readers of the Wichita Register
- Best Barbecue / Reader’s Choice- "Best of the Twin Cities 2006" issue -The City Pages
- Best Blues Bar- "Best of the Twin Cities 2006" issue - The City Pages
- Best BBQ Famous Dave's- "Best Restaurants" issue - Wichita Register

2005

- Readers Choice – NJ Monthly Critics Choice Award – “Best BBQ Restaurant”
- Readers Choice – Best of the Best BBQ” – Fredrick, MD
- People’s Choice – Ribfest - Cleveland Ohio
- People’s Choice Award for all Famous Dave’s in MN – City Pages
- “Best Blues Club” – City Pages
- “Readers Choice – Favorite BBQ” – South Bend Tribune
- “Best Ribs” People’s Choice Award – Southern FL Cook-Off 2nd Year in a row
- “Best Beans” – 2nd Place - Southern FL Championship Cook-Off
- “Celebrity Cook-Off” – First Place – Southern FL Championship Cook-Off
- 2005 Readers Choice - "Positive Attitude - Matt Diamond"
- 2005 "Best BBQ"
- 2005 "Organization of the Year", Kansas City, KS - Convention & Visitors Bureau
- 2005 Readers Choice - "Favorite BBQ" - Kansas City, KS
- Peoples Choice – “Best in the West Nugget Rib Kick-off” – Sparks Nevada
- “Outstanding Customer Service” – Kane County Chamber of Commerce
- Readers Choice “Best Tasting Ribs” – Elgin Courier Newspaper
- “Golden Fork Award” - Famous Dave's Best Ribs – Fox City Magazine
- Wichita award- First Place Peoples Choice - Wichita Chili & BBQ Cook Off!

2004

- “Best BBQ” In the City-City View Magazine- Des Moines
- “Best Ribs” People’s Choice Award – Southern FL Championship Cook Off
- “Best Beans” 1st Place – Southern FL Championship Cook Off
- “Celebrity Cook Off” – 2nd Place – Southern FL Championship Cook Off

- “Best Ribs” – 1st Place – People’s Choice – Cedar Rapids
- “Best Ribs” – In Bismarck – Mandan – Bismarck, ND
- “Best Ribs” – 1st Place – People’s Choice – Muskegon BBQ Cook off
- “Best Ribs” – 1st Place – Judge’s Choice – Muskegon BBQ Cook off
- “Best Beef Brisket” – 1st Place – Clarksville, TN
- “Best BBQ Overall” – 6th Place – Clarksville, TN
- “Best Ribs” 3rd Place – Critics Choice – Cleveland Cook off
- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – People’s Choice – Pittsburgh Ribfest
- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – People’s Choice – BBQ Battle Cedar Rapids, IA
- “Best Single Product Roll Out” Sassy BBQ Salad - Menu Masters
- “Best Caterer” – Twin Cities Best Restaurant – Twin Cities Business Month
- “Top 50 Growth Chains” Presented to FD In recognition of outstanding sales – Restaurant Business
- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – Rib America Food & Music Fest, Pittsburgh, PA
- “Best Commercial Produced for \$3,500 or Less” – MUFSO
- “Best Commercial Produced for \$10,000 of Less” – MUFSO
- “Best Caterer” – 2nd Place – Twin Cities Business Monthly
- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – Twin Cities Business Monthly
- “Best Hot BBQ” – The City View Best of Des Moines
- “Best BBQ” People’s Choice Awards – Taste of Chattanooga
- “Best Bread Pudding” 1st Place – Taste of Chattanooga
- “Runner Up – Signature Dish” – Taste of Chattanooga
- “Best Beef Brisket” – Cookin on the Cumberland BBQ Cook-Off – the Rib Team
- “Best BBQ” – People’s Choice – The Reader (Omaha, NB)
- “Best BBQ” – Omaha Magazine
- “Best BBQ” - 1st Place – People’s Choice - Wichita
- “Best BBQ” – Best of the Bluffs

2003

- “Best BBQ” People’s Choice Awards – Taste of Chattanooga
- “Best Bread Pudding” 1st Place – Taste of Chattanooga
- “Best Takeout” 1st Place – City Page Minneapolis
- “Best Restaurant for Ribs” – Courier News- Mountainside New Jersey
- “Best Ribs” 3rd Place- Sioux Falls Ribfest
- “Best BBQ”- City Pages Minneapolis
- “Best BBQ” – Best of the Bluffs

2002

- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – Fargo Ribfest
- “Best BBQ” Editorial Pick – Best of CitySearch Minneapolis
- “Best BBQ” Audience Pick – Best of CitySearch Minneapolis
- “Best Dining with Music” Editorial and Audience Pick – Best of CitySearch Minneapolis
- “Best Catering” –The Dakota Southwest Review
- “Best Ribs” People’s Choice – Fargo Ribfest
- “Best Ribs” – Minneapolis/St Paul Magazine
- “Best Catering- Roseville Reader
- “Best BBQ” Madison, WI- Madison Magazine
- “Best Ribs” Madison, WI- Madison Magazine
- “Best Place to Eat Out with Your Kids” Minneapolis, MN- CityPages
- “Best Blues Bar” Minneapolis, MN- CityPages
- “One of the Top BBQ in Nashville” Nashville, TN- The Nashville Scene
- “Best BBQ” – Best of the Bluffs

2001

- “Best Ribs” 3rd Place – Cleveland Ribfest
- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – Sioux Falls Rib Fest – South Dakota
- “Best Ribs” 1st Place – Cedar Rapids Rib Fest
- “Best Desserts” 2nd Place – Taste of Madison
- “Best BBQ” in Madison – Isthmus Magazine
- “Best Wings” 2nd Place – Cedar Falls Wing Ding Contest
- “Best BBQ” 1st Place – Golden Fork – Fox Valley, Wisconsin

2000

- “Best Ribs” – Twin Cities Business Monthly
- “Best Ribs” – Rib America 2000, Indianapolis
- “Best Ribs in America” – 2000 Great American Rib Cook-off, Ohio
- “Best Ribs” – Sioux Empire Ribfest, Sioux Falls
- “People’s Choice” – Ribfest and More, Fargo
- “Best Ribs” – Pontiac Rib America 2000 Ribfest
- “Best Ribs” – Twin Cities Rib Fest 2000
- “Best Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best Takeout” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best BBQ in Madison” – Isthmus Magazine
- “Best BBQ in Madison” – Madison Magazine
- “Best Food in Cedar Valley” – Taste of Waterloo
- “Best Tasting Wings” – Cedar Falls Wing Ding Contest
- “Best Ribs” – Post-Crescent 2000 Encore Award
- “Best Ribs” – Fox Cities Magazine 2000 Golden Fork
- “Best BBQ” – Citysearch, The Best of the Twin Cities
- 2nd “Best Ribs” Critics Choice – Cleveland, Ohio
- “Best Ribs” People’s Choice – Cleveland, Ohio
- “Best Ribs” – Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- “Best Ribs” Critics Choice – Twin Cities
- “Best Ribs” 2nd Place – Lincoln, Nebraska

1999

- Critic’s Choice “Favorite Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Great American Cook Off, Cleveland, Ohio
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Twin Cities Ribfest
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Naperville Sun Reader
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – West Suburban Living Reader
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Fargo Dome Ribfest
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Sioux Empire Ribfest, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Mature Lifestyles Madison Reader
- “Best Chicken Wings” – Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce
- “Best Sauce” – Great American Rib Cook-off, Cleveland, Ohio
- “Best Entrée” – Taste of Waterloo
- “Best Pork” – Mankato Ribfest
- “Top 10 Restaurant” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best of 1999 – Music Club” – Nightclub & Bar Magazine
- “Best BBQ Sauce in America” – American Royal Barbecue Contest, Kansas City

- “Best Desserts” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best BBQ Joint” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Hot New Concept” – National Restaurant Chain Publication
- “Entrepreneur of the Year” – Ernst & Young NASDAQ, USA Today
- “Best Chicken Wings” – LaCrosse Tribune
- “Best New Barbecue/Grill Cookbook” – National Barbecue Associations Award of Excellence for “Famous Dave’s Backroads & Sidestreets”

1998

- “Best Ribs” – Des Moines Register
- Critic’s Choice “Favorite Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- Critic’s Choice “Favorite Music/Entertainment” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- Critic’s Choice “Best Take-Out” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best Ribs” – LaCrosse Tribune
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best BBQ Sauce” – Fargo Ribfest – People’s Choice
- “Greatest Ribs in America” – Great American Cook Off – Critic’s Choice
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Twin Cities Business Monthly Magazine
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best Music/Entertainment” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best Ribs” – Appleton Post-Crescent Reader
- “Best New Restaurant” – Madison Capital Times
- “Entrepreneur of the Year” – TwinWest Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis
- “Best BBQ Ribs” – Madison Magazine
- “Best New Restaurant” – Madison Magazine

1997

- “Best Ribs” – City Pages Reader Poll
- “Best Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best Last Meal in the Twin Cities” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best Ribs” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best Restaurant Design” – Minnesota Shopping Center Assoc.
- “Best Sauce in America” – Great American Rib Cook-off
- People’s Choice “Best Ribs” – Fargo Dome Ribfest
- Critic’s Choice “Best Ribs” – Fargo Dome Ribfest
- “Best Ribs” – Naperville Ribfest
- “Best Sauce” – Twin Cities Ribfest
- “Best Ribs” – Twin Cities Ribfest
- “1997 Hot Concept” – Nation’s Restaurant News
- “Entrepreneur of the Year” – Emerging Company Division
- “Best Music” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best Music” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best Restaurant Promoter” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Entrepreneur of the Year” – Twin Cities Business Monthly
- “Best New Restaurant” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine

1996

- “Best New Restaurant” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine
- “Best Last Meal in Minnesota” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Best Desserts” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- Critic’s Choice “#1 Ribs in MN” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine
- “Hot New Concept” – National Restaurant Chain Publication
- “Best Ribs” – Minnesota Monthly Magazine

1995

- “Best BBQ Sauce in America” – American Royal Barbecue Contest
- “Best BBQ Joint” – Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine