

What's Cooking

HOURS

Mon - Thurs 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am to 11:00 pm

Saturday 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Mother's Day

Open 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Father's Day

Open 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th

Open 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

Open 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Grandparents & Grandchildren Texas History Tour

Saturday, July 22nd

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Steak School

Saturday, August 24th

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Wine Dinner: Prisoner Wines

Monday, September 16th

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Adult History Tour

Saturday, September 21st

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Dessert School with the Baker

Saturday, September 21st

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Adult History Tour

Saturday, October 19th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Steak School

Saturday, October 26th

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Holiday Roasting Class

Saturday, October 26th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Special Events must be reserved
online at tasteoftexas.com/events

3 Great Gift ideas for Moms, Dads, and Grads AT TASTEOFTexas.COM



Mother's Day & Father's Day Gift Boxes:

Spoil mom or dad with a ready-made steak gift box. Our Mother's and Father's Day gift boxes feature perfectly trimmed Certified Angus Beef® steaks aged for 40+ days. They are packaged beautifully with our signature steak seasoning, engraved steak knives, etched wine glasses, and more. The best gift ever!

Personalized Steak Knives:

Give the most memorable gift of all: laser-engraved steak knives with your gift recipient's name, initials, or logo. Visit our Grill-At-Home Store to personalize our high-carbon stainless steel steak knives in under a minute or visit tasteoftexas.com to be ship within one business day. Pair with our gourmet aged steaks to make a truly unforgettable gift!

Taste of Texas Gift Cards:

Give the gift of Texas hospitality to your favorite teacher or graduate. Our most popular gifts, gift cards come in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100. These no-hassle gift cards invite the recipient to enjoy a great meal in the restaurant or order from our Grill-At-Home Store. Our gift cards never expire and carry no restrictions.

Thank you from Team Natalie



For many years, the Taste of Texas and team "Blazing Saddles" joined thousands of bike riders in the MS 150 from Houston to Austin with the goal of raising money and finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. After an 8 year hiatus, we were honored to bring our team back to ride as "Team Natalie" this year in support of long-time Taste of Texas employee Natalie Evans. Natalie has been a wonderful team member at the restaurant for over 18 years. Natalie and husband Ben met working at the Taste of Texas and now are parents to 3 beautiful children. In late 2018, Natalie was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain and communication with the body. Thank you to our many generous customers and supporters, who helped us raise over \$26,000 to find a cure for MS!

FAMILY NEWS



Edd & Nina are having a ball spending time with their 9 grandchildren. Edd is keeping busy each day at the Taste of Texas and serving on the boards of the Memorial Hermann Foundation and the Heart of Texas Foundation. His favorite activity is coaching little league for the fifth year with the grandsons - Coach Biggee is the best! Nina hosts daily school tours this year, and has now hosted over 400,000 Texas fourth graders on complimentary school tours of the restaurant and now has second generation visitors! Nina was recently recognized for this work by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), who honored her with the Mary Smith Lockwood Founders Medal for Education. We love the DAR's motto of God, Home, and Country, and we were so proud of this honor. Nina also recently completed the Houston half marathon and the Disney Princess half marathon and loves daily Orange Theory classes.

Claudine & David Hartland:

Claudine and David Hartland are staying busy now that baseball season is in full swing. Claudine recently chaired a luncheon for Bo's Place, a bereavement center offering free grief support services for children, family, and adults. The family of seven is looking forward to a fun summer all together!

Lisa & Chris Blackard:

Lisa, Chris, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Madeleine Blackard are loving life in Singapore. Chris' work with Shell brought them to Singapore in 2017, and they will be there for another year. Singapore is such a cool

and dynamic place to live, and Lisa and Chris are enjoying exploring Southeast Asia with their three precious girls. While we cannot wait for their return home, we are thankful for the great education and travel adventures they have experienced overseas!

Kristin & Corbin Blackford:

Kristin and Corbin finished the update of tasteoftexas.com this year, and are having a ball working on the online business together. Henry is now THREE and has an infectious grin and a ready laugh. He loves all things trains these days, so they have had great fun exploring cool locomotives around Texas. Kristin loves her time volunteering with the Tearoom of the Junior League of Houston, and now that the Rodeo has wrapped up for 2019, Corbin is busy making plans for another great year with Project Healing Waters, which offers fly fishing outings for veterans.

San Jacinto Texas Trivia

1. The cannon used by the Texas Army at San Jacinto were called _____.
Bonus #1: What city donated the artillery to the Texas Army?
2. Sam Houston went to which city to be treated for the wounds he received at San Jacinto?
3. Who was the owner of the ranch on which the battle of San Jacinto was fought?
4. Which state did the woman known as the Yellow Rose of Texas originally come from?
5. The first building built by the Republic of Texas specifically to be used for a capitol was in which city?
6. What Mexican official noted that Americans "carry their constitutions in their pockets?"
7. True or False? Mirabeau B. Lamar commanded the calvary during the battle.
8. True or False? The Texas Navy shelled the Mexican Army from the San Jacinto River during the battle.
9. True or False? The first two presidents of the Republic of Texas fought at San Jacinto.
10. What day is San Jacinto Day?



Summer Recipe

Cinnamon Slammer (Serves 1)

This adult milkshake has been a customer favorite since 1985. Serve in our Taste of Texas boot mugs for a perfect way to end a celebration!

- 1 tablespoon light creme de cacao
- 1 tablespoon Amaretto di Amore
- 1 tablespoon Frangelico liqueur
- 3/4 cup Cinnamon Ice Cream
(or add dash of cinnamon to vanilla ice cream)
- whipped cream
- dash of cinnamon



Combine the liqueurs and ice cream in a blender. Puree until mixed well. Pour into a frosted stemmed glass or signature Taste of Texas boot mug and top with whipped cream, a dash of cinnamon, and a straw.

For more of our favorite recipes, please check out our award-winning 40th anniversary cookbook, *Perfectly Aged: 40 Years of Recipes and Stories*. It is available for purchase at the restaurant, at tasteoftexas.com and Amazon.com, and at fine Houston retailers.

Answers: 1. The Twin Sisters, Bonus Cincinnati; 2. New Orleans; 3. Peggy McCormick; 4. New York; 5. Houston; 6. Lorenzo de Zavala; 7. True; 8. False; 9. True; 10. April 21st

MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S DAY at the TASTE OF TEXAS

Mother's Day: Celebrate that special Mother on Sunday May 12th at Taste of Texas Restaurant. We will open at 10:00am and serve continuously till 10:00pm. We will celebrate your "Mom" with a rose and a complimentary family picture as a gift from our family to yours. "Her children will arise and call her Blessed!" Proverbs 31:28

Father's Day: June 16th - There is no better way to celebrate Father's Day than to treat "Dad" with a great steak dinner surrounded by family. We open at 10:00 am and serve continuously to 10:00 pm. Each Dad will receive a complimentary Taste of Texas Grilling Apron and a photo with his family.

Silver Oak Gifts Rare Bottle

Silver Oak Winery in Napa Valley released its first vintage in 1972. We were the first restaurant in Texas to serve their iconic Cabernet Sauvignon, and after many years of collecting, we have built a vertical collection of Silver Oak up to 2013. This private collection is a one-of-a-kind - with the exception of one elusive bottle: the exceedingly rare, first vintage from 1972. On April 11, 2019, Tiffany Frazier of Silver Oak surprised Nina with the gift of the missing bottle! There are only 12 of these bottles in existence worldwide, and we are so honored to have one. It is proudly on display now just outside the wine room. Thank you Silver Oak!



Texas' Best Swimming Holes

There is no better way to cool off in summer than in Texas' beautiful natural pools. Book in advance to make sure you can visit!



- **Barton Springs Pool, Austin, TX:** A popular spring-fed three acre lake with a cool 68 degree water temperature.
- **Jacob's Well, Wimberly, TX:** A perfectly-clear 35 foot deep small swimming hole. Visitors can leap from the rocks above or relax in the shallows around the hole.
- **Balmerhea State Park:** The largest spring-fed pool in the world, this well-manicured and perfectly cooled pool is also home to fish and turtles.

• **Garner State Park, Concan, TX:** Pack your water shoes and your dancing shoes for this trip. Splash in the River Frio all day then join the famous summer jukebox dances that have run since the 1940's.

Meet our Grill Masters: Million Steak Club

Five Taste of Texas team members have grilled more than a MILLION steaks while working at the restaurant. The grill cook position is the most skilled position in the restaurant. This group knows every inch of the grill, and they have incredible talent, time management, attention to detail, and focus. Congratulations to the members of the Million Steak Club at the Taste of Texas!



Rolando Pastrana (Kitchen Manager): 1,501,000 steaks

Huber Vasquez (Kitchen Manager): 1,573,000 steaks

Pedro Nava (Kitchen Manager): 1,287,000 steaks

Luis Gutierrez: 1,287,000 steaks

Jaime Torres: 1,001,000 steaks

As a business, there is no greater joy than to work alongside long-serving team members and to see their amazing skills. Thank you Rolando, Huber, Pedro, Luis, & Jaime!

Staff Updates



Server Pita Gamez married her sweetheart David on November 18, 2018. We wish them many happy years together!



Server Sean Walker and wife Kelci welcomed their first child, a baby girl, on February 19.

Server Alex Sanchez graduated nursing school and is officially an RN.

Manager Lindsey Johnson and husband Jeremy welcomed baby Avery in December.



Kitchen intern David Rodriguez recently completed in the HEAT cooking competition and placed first in the manager challenge and has qualified for the state barbecue competition this month. We are so proud of you!

Our annual weight loss challenge is back in 2019. 35 of our wait staff committed to an 8 week challenge to better themselves by getting healthy in 2019! This year, participants lost a total of 394 pounds. We are so proud of each of them for their hard work and dedication to their health!

MD Anderson Teen Prom:

On April 27 Taste of Texas participated in the MD Anderson Teen Prom Party Palooza. We have been blessed to have been a part of this wonderful evening since its inception in 2015. The event creates a magical evening for teenage cancer patients who might otherwise miss out on this special evening due to cancer treatments. Thomas Nguyen, co-owner of Houston-based restaurant Peli-Peli, is the brains behind the event and we are thankful that he invites the Taste of Texas Restaurant to participate year after year.





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Honors

Taste of Texas wins Gold “Stevie” Awards

We were thrilled to be honored with two gold American Business Awards: Company of the Year for the medium-size Food & Beverage category and Entrepreneurs of the Year for Food & Beverage. The American Business Awards are the nation’s premier business awards, and we were so happy to receive these two recognitions and share them with our staff and customers. Thank you for making the Taste of Texas the largest independent restaurant in Texas!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check our website for details and register online at www.tasteoftexas.com

June 22nd

Grandparent and Grandchildren History Tour with Nina: Grandparents, bring your grandchildren to Nina’s wonderful Texas history tour and lunch on Saturday, June 22nd! Nina will entertain everyone with true stories from our state’s colorful past. Lunch is included. Space is limited and cost is \$40 plus tax per adult and \$25 plus tax per child.

August 24th & October 26th

Steak School: You’ll learn about USDA grading, trim specifications, the aging process and how to grill a perfect steak every time. This makes a wonderful gift for any steak lover or grill master in your life. Cost is \$75 plus tax per person and includes a steak lunch. Come hungry!

September 16th

Taste of Texas Wine Dinner: Please join us for our next Wine Dinner featuring the Prisoner Wine Company. This will be another amazing 5 course dinner and wine pairing. Cost is \$159.95 per person plus tax and gratuity.

September 21st & October 19th

Adult History Tour with Nina: Please join Nina for a morning of exciting stories about Texas History and Legends of our beloved state. Lunch is included. Cost is \$40 plus tax per person.

September 21st

Dessert School with the Baker: Please join us to learn how to make our most requested desserts, many of which are straight from Perfectly Aged: 40 Years of Recipes and Stories from the Taste of Texas. Cost is \$95 plus tax per person and includes lunch.

October 19th

Holiday Roasting Class: Please join us to learn how to roast the perfect tenderloin every time, which is the easiest and most impressive way to feed a large crowd. Lunch is included. Cost is \$95 plus tax per person.

Proceeds from these events benefit our employee scholarship program at the Taste of Texas. Space is limited, so please reserve early. Thank you for your support!