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In town for the Fasig-Tipton Winter Mixed Sale and feeling a little lost? Let TDN Lexington 'locals' direct you to their favorite dining establishments!

TOM BIEDERMAN:
LE DEAUVILLE

199 North Limestone, Lexington, KY. 859-246-0999.
Open 5:30-11, Monday-Saturday.

It's a little French place which has gone through some ups and downs and has been under new management for eight months. It's fantastic. Great little bar, good wine list, great French food. They have fantastic lamb, and several different kinds of mussels. Mostly, I like the bar area and just the feel of the place. It's especially nice in the summer because all the doors open onto the street and they put tables out on the sidewalk."

TOM BOZARTH, Mayor, Midway, KY; Arch Bloodstock LLC:

I was really pleased reading about the best restaurants in central Kentucky (Best Bets, *TDN*, 1/8/08; click [here](#) to download). I am proud that two Midway restaurants were mentioned. Charlie O'Connor's review on the Black Tulip is very accurate, as is Pete Bradley's review on Heirloom. Both are very good dining destinations. I wanted to mention two other dining destinations in Midway. I cannot say enough about our restaurants. I will put them up against any restaurants in central Kentucky. I encourage everyone to make the drive to Midway and have a fabulous meal.

HOLLY HILL INN

426 North Winter Street, Midway, KY. (859) 846-4732. www.hollyhillinn.com. Open for dinner Wednesday through Saturday beginning at 5:30. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Chris and Ouita Michel put Midway on the world food map when they opened Holly Hill Inn eight years ago. Their beautiful restaurant has a national reputation for Ouita's creative use of local meats, cheeses and vegetables, and for Chris's wine list, which gets the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence every year.

It's the first place I think of when I want to take friends or clients or just enjoy a great meal. The seasonal, prix-fixe menu is always changing and always delicious and the service is friendly and professional. If the Bourbon County rack of lamb is available, be sure to try it. Whatever you order, you'll be impressed by the incredible food and service! Holly Hill Inn serves dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and weekend brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The restaurant is just outside of town near the I-64 interchange at 426 N. Winter St. Check out their website, and then call Donna for reservations!

BISTRO LA BELLE

121 Main St. E., Midway, KY. (859) 846-4233.

[Http://bistolabelle.googlepages.com](http://bistolabelle.googlepages.com). Open for dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 5:30-9.

Reservations suggested.

Bistro La Belle is celebrating their 10th year in Midway. The food is exceptional and it is located in beautiful downtown Midway on Main Street. The bistro has a gallery and bar adjacent to the restaurant. (*The Gallery Bar features live racing on TVG and HRTV on their new plasma screen t.v.*) They also serve local products and have a very interesting and affordable wine list. Laura Wolfrom is the owner and will make your dining experience an enjoyable time.

(I also want to mention some other restaurants that are available for lunch. Darlin Jeans, Quirk, Le Marche and the Midway Corner Grocery for one of the best hamburgers you will ever eat. -Tom Bozarth)

BILL MALEY:
DUDLEY'S

380 South Mill Street, Lexington, KY. (859) 252-1010.

www.dudleysrestaurant.com. Lunch: Mon. thru Sat. 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Sunday Brunch: 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Dinner: Sunday thru Thursday 5:30 to 10:00 pm. Friday and Sat. 5:30 to 11:00 pm.

Though I often enjoy trying the new boutique restaurants in the area, the one I always come back to, and the one that I think of first, is Dudley's. On almost any given evening, I can walk into the bar and have a conversation with someone who does exactly what I do. The menu is varied and creative, always providing a choice of several new dishes and a few tried-and-true ones, and the wine cellar is arguably the best in Kentucky. My favorite dish is one of the tried-and-trues: marchand du vin. It's a filet with a wonderful rich sauce made of butter, red wine and shallots. Add to that the presence of owner Debbie Long, with her bright smile and warm greeting, and it's hard to make myself go anywhere else.