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SPRIG RESTAURANT & BAR

Our pick for the best new restaurant of the year (so far, though this place will be hard to beat) is Sprig Restaurant & Bar. Located in Decatur's Oak Grove community, both the atmosphere and menu give contemporary Southern dining an innovative spin. Favorites among Chef Robert Elliott's creations include cornbread wedges with avocado butter, duck sausage risotto, sweet potato-crusting grouper, the Sprig Burger and shortcakes with seasonal fruit. Owner and Bar Chef Daniel Morrison stocks more than 200 bottles of wine and American craft beers plus mixes inspired cocktails like the Sourwood Smash that combines vodka, honey, mint, orange bitters and fresh lemon with delicious perfection. Whether your first taste is a sip or bite, you'll envy the lucky folks who live within walking distance of this place. 2860 Lavista Rd., 404-248-9700, www.sprigrestaurant.com —HSP