

From little places that serve up big bites to small-plate offerings done right by the big boys, here's the dish on the plates we dream about.

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FIVE-ONION SOUP

The Ranch's interpretation of the traditional soup uproots every idea we've previously had about the dish. It's concocted with a bevy of caramelized onions (from pearl to leeks to shallots) that deliver tang and sweetness when you scoop up the rich beef broth. It's all elevated by the Guinness that's mixed in --and that piping-hot aged Gruyere that's melted onto a sourdough crouton resting atop the bowl. theranch.com