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BEST OF THE NORTH SHORE



Cheers!

Bartender Jason Warren from The Bancroft and bar manager Gail Bissel from the Beauport Hotel's 1606 Bar shake things up.

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EXCELLENCE

READERS' CHOICE

MATADORA, WOBURN

STANDOUT QUALITIES: Located in the newly renovated Hilton Boston/Woburn, the ultra-modern restaurant has an open kitchen concept that creates the feeling of dining in an urban European setting. A life-sized sculpture of a bull made of scrap metal greets diners. Matadora's patio, complete with firepits and lounge sofas, flows seamlessly to the central bar inside that features high-top leather banquettes. The dining room has rolling communal tables and stools, and a chef's counter overlooks the open kitchen and grill.

2 Forbes Rd., Woburn, 781-932-0999, matadorarestaurant.com

NEW RESTAURANT

EDITORS' CHOICE

MATADORA, WOBURN

STANDOUT QUALITIES: The menu, which was developed by COJE's culinary director, Tom Berry, and is executed by Matadora's chef de cuisine, William (Billy) Jimenez, is focused on tailored tapas and flavorful cuts of meat and fish from the kitchen's centerpiece—the custom, wood-fired grill.

WHAT'S UNIQUE: Dining in Spain is done at a leisurely pace over several hours—very



different from our hurry-up-and-eat meals in the States. But if you have time and are game, don't stop at the tapas—the true gems of this Spanish eatery are its savory wood-fired

steaks, pork chops, and fish.
2 Forbes Rd., Woburn, 781-904-0658, matadorarestaurant.com

READERS' CHOICE

MATADORA, WOBURN

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SMALL PLATES

EDITORS' CHOICE ALTO FORNO, PEABODY

PHILOSOPHY: Sophisticated yet playful bites served in a space that evokes a billionaire's over-the-top Manhattan loft.
WHAT'S UNIQUE: The Mediterranean-influenced menu is updated seasonally and includes indulgent offerings like creamy burrata and massive iced shrimp.

INSIDER TIP: Pair small plates with a chic cocktail from their grown-up list. 41 Cross St., Peabody, 978-871-2942, altoforno.com

READERS' CHOICE MATADORA, WOBURN

STANDOUT QUALITIES: Refined interpretations of tapas—the original small plates—from pan con tomate to patatas bravas. 2 Forbes Rd., Woburn, 781-904-0658, matadorarestaurant.com



Tapas at Matadora