



Red velvet cake at Brownie Points Bakery.


BEST BAKERIES

Splurge Bakery, Short Hills, 973.379.0740, splurgebakery.com. Readers gave two cookie crumb-covered thumbs up to these personalized desserts' homemade quality.

EDITORS' PICKS

- > **Antique Bakery**, Hoboken, 201.714.9323
- > **Balthazar Bakery**, Englewood, 201.503.9717, balthazarbakery.com
- > **Brownie Points Bakery**, Summit, 908.464.2253; browniepointsbakery.net
- > **Calandra's Bakery**, Caldwell, 973.226.8889; Fairfield, 973.227.5008; Newark, 973.484.5598; calandrasbakery.com
- > **Carlo's Bake Shop**, Hoboken, 201.659.3671, carlosbakery.com

> **Cocoluxe**, Peapack, 908.781.5554, cocoluxepastry.com

> **Crumbs Bake Shop**,  Hoboken, 201.420.8900; Westfield, 908.232.5527; crumbs.com

> **Lyndhurst Pastry Shop**, Lyndhurst, 201.939.3951, lyndhurstpastryshop.com

> **Made with Love**, Jersey City, 201.451.5199, madewithloveorganics.com

> **Sugar + Sunshine Bakery**, Plainsboro, 609.936.3777, sugarandsunshinebakery.com

> **The Flakey Tart**, Atlantic Highlands, 732.291.2555

> **Witherspoon Bread Company**, Princeton, 609.688.0188, terramomo.com

BEST ICE CREAM



Thomas Sweet, Princeton, 609.683.8720; thomassweet.com. Is there a kid — of any age — who can resist the candy/cookie add-ins here? Make faces in the carnival mirror as you wait your turn in line.

EDITORS' PICKS

- > **A La Mode**, Ocean City, 609.398.2207
- > **Applegate Farm**, Upper Montclair, 973.744.5900, applegatefarm.com
- > **Bischoff's**, Teaneck, 201.836.0333
- > **Blackwell's Organic**, Long Branch, 732.229.8899, blackwellsorganic.com
- > **The Bent Spoon**, Princeton, 609.924.2368, thebentspoon.net
- > **The Chocolate Bar**, Westfield, 908.389.9000
- > **The Pop Shop**, Collingswood, 856.869.0111, thepopshopusa.com

BEST COFFEE



Lambertville Trading Company, Lambertville, 609.397.2232, lambertvilletrading.com. Patrons laud the friendly atmosphere, frozen coffee ice cubes in the iced coffee, and variety of roasts.

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- > **Cafe Beethoven**, Chatham, 973.635.0005
- > **Ocean City Coffee Co.**, Ocean City, 609.399.5533, oceancitycoffee.com
- > **Ridgewood Coffee Co.**, Ridgewood, 201.493.9200, ridgewoodcoffeecompany.com
- > **Rojo's Roastery**, Lambertville, 609.397.0040, rojosroastery.com
- > **Small World Coffee**, Princeton, 609.924.2715, smallworldcoffee.com
- > **Smart World Coffee**, Denville, 973.627.1600; Morristown, 973.359.9800; smartworldcoffee.com

BEST CHOCOLATE & CANDY



Enjou Chocolat, Morristown, 973.993.9090, enjouchocolat.com. This Morristown mainstay is loved for its decadent chocolate gifts and novelty items. Where else can you pair a chocolate pizza with a chocolate Heineken bottle?

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- > **Chocolate Bar**, Beach Haven, 609.492.0289, chocolatebar NYC.com
- > **Conrad's Candy**, Westwood, 201.497.6280, conradscandy.com
- > **Critchley's Candies**, River Edge, 201.967.1800, critchleyschocolates.com
- > **Donna Toscana**, Cranford, 908.272.4380, shopdonna.com
- > **J. Emanuel Chocolatier**, Chester, 908.879.0500, jemanuel.com
- > **Matisse Chocolatier**, Englewood, 201.568.2288, getfreshchocolate.com

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