

The Rest of the Best: Houston's Top 10 Steakhouses

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7. III Forks

Although III Forks is a Dallas-based chain, I still love it. Under chef and owner Ozzie Rogers, the upscale, beautifully-appointed steakhouse has become a great addition to the otherwise quiet Houston Pavilions downtown. Along with aged USDA Prime beef in all the traditional cuts, III Forks serves seafood and one of the best salads I've ever had anywhere: its award-winning III Forks salad with Granny Smith apples, toasted pecans, and Maytag blue in a walnut-molasses vinaigrette. The wine list is not only extensive but contains many labels not found elsewhere. III Forks gets bonus points for having truly knowledgeable staff at all levels -- from bartenders to servers to sommeliers -- and for having bartenders who can easily geek out with you over *Dune*, *Doctor Who* and graphic novels.