

Shanghai recently joined the ranks of other fellow elite cities across the globe as the French company Michelin (米其林) has awarded a select few of its restaurants with their coveted (梦寐以求的) stars. Traditionally, such stars led to prosperity, fame and syndication (企业联合). The majority of the selected restaurants were not local but Cantonese (广式的), which has led to an uproar by locals and food critics. While the Michelin list is important, no one should blindly follow a guide and consider it dogma (信条).

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As a native San Diegan (?????), I am still waiting for a Michelin list "hyping (??)" my hometown's restaurants. Given how close my hometown is to the Mexican border (?????), I imagined the list would be full of Mexican restaurants. Yet, something tells me lots of my favorite restaurants would be mysteriously absent. Am I saying I know more than a Michelin food critic? No. I am saying that there are some restaurants with certain cuisines (??) that I prefer over their choices. There are some hole-in-the-wall restaurants that people from outside of San Diego have no idea about and that are worthy of at least one Michelin star if not more—at least in my opinion.

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