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Rest of the Best 2014: Houston's Top 10 Margaritas

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Our 2013 [Best of Houston](#)® winners were announced a while back, but in many cases, picking the best item in any category was no easy task. In order to show off all the culinary greatness Houston has to offer, we're continuing to round up the "rest of the best" in some of our favorite categories. Bon appétit!

We usually do a margarita round up every February to coincide with National Margarita day. But as much as we love margaritas, February isn't usually a time of year we want to sit outside on a deck and sip something frozen. Whoever decided that a holiday celebrating chilled tequila and lime should take place during the winter is dumb.

But enough about arbitrary food holidays. We drink margaritas year-round in Texas, though we're especially inclined to indulge during the blisteringly hot summer months, when few things can cool you off like a frozen marg and a bit of a buzz. So now that the season calls for 'em, we're rounding up the best margaritas in Houston. It's a tough job (they're all pretty damn good), but someone had to ~~get drunk~~ conduct a scientific taste test.

You're welcome, Houston.

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For George Clooney's film *The Monuments Men*, Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas introduced The Clooney, a margarita made with Clooney's Casamigos tequila. Don't let the fact that it's a movie theater margarita dissuade you -- it's one of the best in town. It's a simple margarita done right with reposado tequila, Cointreau, Grand Marnier and the ideal balance of simple syrup and lime juice served on the rocks. I don't know if it's the Clooney tequila or the old Hollywood atmosphere that makes the drink feel fancy, but either way, it's a treat.