

# CHICAGO

MAGAZINE

Olive-oil-poached  
mackerel at Table,  
Donkey and Stick



## The 27 Best Things We Ate This Year

FROM WHITEFISH BAGEL SANDWICHES TO DUCK CARNITAS TACOS TO BAKLAVA FRO-YO,  
IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLY DELICIOUS YEAR.  
THESE ARE THE DISHES WE CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT.

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## 6 Gizzards

VIRTUE RESTAURANT

These tender gizzards are like the best chicken nuggets ever, and they pair beautifully with creamy, liver-enriched rice. The ingredients may be modest, but they come together with remarkable refinement, as chef Erick Williams proves that pairing humble ingredients with elevated techniques creates the most memorable food. \$12. 1462 E. 53rd St., Hyde Park - J.K.

