



## 10 Brasseries, Bistros And Bakeries For Authentic French Food In Los Angeles

*A stacked deck, with old school and upstarts alike*

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The brasserie is the new gastropub. At least, that's how it seems to be in Los Angeles, where enough French-focused spots have opened over the last year or so that you might think, justifiably, that we've temporarily swapped tacos for escargots. There is, for example, **Cadet** in Santa Monica, a new project from The Hart and the Hunter's Kris Tominaga that channels the French countryside. Then, on December 12, Stephane Bombet and Kris Morningstar will bring Beverly Boulevard a brasserie called **Terrine**. Here are 10 more great places to enjoy French and French-inspired food and drinks in LA:

### 5. Church & State

When Church & State opened in 2008, it was all sorts of exciting. The seasonal-themed bistro was among the first of several restaurants to open in the Arts District neighborhood near Downtown (its future neighbors: Handsome Coffee Roasters and Bestia), and it was one of the few places in town at the time where you could get a terrific bowl of moules frites. Walter Manzke was one of the restaurant's first chefs, and he helped create a solid menu of French bistro fare. Manzke, of course, eventually moved on (to Petty Cash and Republique). Nowadays, you'll find former Patina chef Tony Esnault in the kitchen, and under his direction, Church & State might be the most solid it's been in years. And so, if you ended up here on a Friday night for a bowl of French onion soup and coq au vin, you would not be disappointed. The full bar provides the craft cocktails, and French bottles make up the entirety of the wine list. *Bien sûr. 1850 Industrial St. #100, Los Angeles, CA 90021, 213-405-1434, [churchandstatebistro.com](http://churchandstatebistro.com)*