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*Openings around the South* ↓

## AH SING DEN

**Austin, Texas**

Named and designed after a London opium den frequented by Charles Dickens, Ah Sing Den recently revamped its menu to include Asian-fusion options like poke nachos with sashimi tuna and wonton chips. The bar program is where it shines—standouts include the Maria Victoria with mezcal and thai pepper syrup, and a kimchi bloody mary.

## MONARCH WINE MERCHANTS

**Charleston, South Carolina**

A good wine shop is hard to turn down. Charleston food and beverage alums Justin Coleman and Brandon Underwood struck out on their own for that very reason. Their downtown shop doubles as a classroom, with seminars and tastings aimed at teaching customers how to pick out the perfect bottle for their budget (besides just looking for a pretty label).

## LIL' B

**Washington, DC**

David Guas brings a combination of Southern hospitality and urban ambiance to his new Washington, DC, coffee spot with a nostalgia-inducing menu—oatmeal cream cookie pie, baklava croissants. Plus, the New Orleans native sets the mood with classic vinyl cranking out jazz and funk.

## C. ELLET'S

**Atlanta, Georgia**

Linton and Gina Hopkins' latest project is a modern interpretation of an American steakhouse, grounded by Southern roots. But at C. Ellet's, the sides steal the show: Try charred okra with sorghum, blistered shishito peppers with Old Bay mayo, or potato skins with lobster hollandaise.