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## Best Restaurants: Southeast Portland



Sel Gris. Photo by Randy L. Rasmussen

**\$ Eat well for \$10-\$15**

**\$\$ Most entrees under \$20**

**\$\$\$ Most entrees \$20 and up**

**\$\$\$\$ Most entrees \$30 and up**

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## Belly Timber

*3257 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.*

503-235-3277; [bellytimberrestaurant.com](http://bellytimberrestaurant.com) \$\$



This old Victorian on Hawthorne has finally found an occupant worthy of its intimate, woody surroundings: the year-old Belly Timber. In a town tough on new restaurants, it could have gone

the other way for first-time kitchen boss David Siegel. But Siegel's wily ways with meat and creative combinations are impressive when they work.

**Recommended:** Start with a mixed greens salad (\$5) or a lush French onion soup with gruyere and egg yolk (\$7). Siegel's generous "house meats plate" (\$11), including his strange and wondrous

"pigstrami" (pork belly cured pastrami-style), is a carnivore's playground -- and a great value to boot. The juicy, substantial BT Burger, with a pile of fries (and trademark bone marrow aioli), is priced to move at \$10.