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At Little Serow, the kitchen faithfully reinterprets such Thai dishes as pork cracklings with green chilies.

meatloaf and chicken pot pie channel the Eisenhower era.

## FRENCH

**1 Bistrot du Coin, Dupont Circle.** The favorite place of many revelers to cheer the arrival of Beaujolais Nouveau or to celebrate Bastille Day.

**2 L'Auberge Chez François, Great Falls.** Jacques Haeringer does his late father, who founded the restaurant in 1954, proud at this Alsatian-inspired cottage.

**3 Mintwood Place, Adams Morgan.** Leave it to Michel Richard protégé Cedric Maupillier to turn escargots into hushpuppies.

## PIZZA

**1 2 Amys, Cleveland Park.** Obelisk owner Peter Pastan's more casual place follows to the letter the Neapolitan method of pizza-making.

**2 Pete's New Haven Style Apizza, Columbia Heights, Friendship Heights, and Clarendon.** This trio of pizzerias gets Connecticut-style pies right. Don't miss the Staven, with pepperoni, sausage, whole garlic, and caramelized onions.

**3 Matchbox, Penn Quarter, Capitol Hill, Logan Circle, and Rockville.** Thin-crust, wood-fired pizzas can be paired with a slew of craft brews. A Merrifield location is opening soon.

## MEDITERRANEAN

**1 Cava Mezze, Capitol Hill, Clarendon, and Rockville.** These small-plates spots throw jalapeños into their feta dip and shrink gyros into sliders.

**2 Zaytinya, Penn Quarter.** José Andrés's Santorini-white mezzeteria offers a parade of Greek, Turkish, and Lebanese flavors.

**3 Zorba's Cafe, Dupont Circle.** This order-at-the-counter carry-out/dining room has been turning out souvlaki sandwiches and spanakopit for 28 years.

## CHINESE

**1 Peking Gourmet Inn, Falls Church.** Take your cue from this Bush-family favorite's name and go for a whole, lacquered duck.

**2 Meiwah, West End and Chevy Chase.** Have a hankering for Cantonese, Szechuan, Hunan, or sushi? You'll find them all at these crowd pleasers.

**3 Ping Pong Dim Sum, Dupont Circle and Penn Quarter.** These sleek outposts of the London-based chain sling more than 20 kinds of dumplings, wontons, and buns.