

# Best of Hudson Valley 2009

It's that time again, folks. For 23 years, we've brought you the Best of the Hudson Valley, soliciting your take on the region's finest restaurants, shops, services, and people — and offering up a few choice picks of our own. Conjure up a category and you'll likely find it somewhere on the following pages, from the tastiest shrimp-stuffed jalapeños to what you, dear readers, believe to be the greatest thing about living here. (Hint: it's big, it's blue, and it flows in two directions.) So without further ado, we present to you the biggest, the brightest, and the best our region has to offer

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## Wine Bar

### **Elephant** Kingston

It's called "Elephant" for no special reason, but the name fits because this is one cozy spot you won't forget. "We're a modern Spanish tapas bar," says co-owner Rich Reeve. He and partner Maya Karrol offer a unique selection of wines and serve up a delicious menu of bite-size appetizers and snacks like fennel and clementine salad and chicken piri piri. • 845-339-9310;  
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