Food, Wine, Beer

As the nation’s first frontier, Rochester drew settlers from around the world, and they brought their recipes with them. More than 200 years later, we’re a smorgasbord of traditional and contemporary cuisines.

**LOCAL FOOD**
- Since 1905, the **Rochester Public Market** has offered some of the area’s best seasonal produce, meat, fish, poultry, dairy products and baked goods.

- Legendary **Wegmans** — still family owned after all these years - has enough prepared foods, and seating areas, to be one of the region’s best places for lunch or dinner.

- Myriad farmers markets from May to October, some of which continue indoors year round. Some farms also have year-round stores or delivery services.

- Since 1880, Rochester has been home to **Zweigle’s**, originator of the “white hot,” a concoction of spiced beef, pork and veal. The company also makes all-beef hot dogs, deli meats and sausages, including several chicken varieties.

- Nearly every casual eatery has come up with its own version of the “garbage plate” made famous by **Nick Tahou’s** restaurant — a concoction of macaroni salad, fries, hot dogs or hamburgers and hot sauce that can only be appreciated by tasting it. Some upscale restaurants have created gourmet varieties, too.
Chicken French, an old Rochester recipe that uses an egg-based batter and a lemon-tinged sauce, has also found its way onto various menus and spun off “French-style” seafood and vegetables — particularly artichokes.

**Sweet Treats**

- **Abbott’s Frozen Custard** has been making their famous custard ice cream for more than a century.

- **Stever’s**, a Park Avenue institution that has produced homemade candy since 1946.
- **Hedonist Artisan Chocolates**, makes gourmet truffles, bark and other chocolate treats at its SouthWedge location.

**WINE**

- Every good area restaurant has a wine list selection featuring New York state wines — the country’s third largest wine producing state.

- The award-winning vineyard and pioneer winery **Casa Larga** is less than half an hour by car from downtown Rochester.
- Numerous wineries are sprouting up all along **Lake Ontario**.
- The **Finger Lakes**, dotted with more than 100 wineries, boast several wine trails that lead to a rich array of tours and tastings.

**BEER**

- **Genesee Brewing Company**, one of the country’s largest and oldest continually operating breweries still makes its home in Rochester. Samples are available at the **Genesee Brew House** located next to the brewery.
- For nearly 20 years, **Rohrbach’s** has brewed handcrafted ales and lagers for Rochester microbrew lovers.
- **Custom BrewCrafters** has been producing artisan beer for local restaurants and taverns for more than a decade. They also sell the beers from their showroom in Honeoye Falls.