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## America's Top Restaurants 2012

### **Rioja** *Mediterranean*

**27** | **24** | **25** | **\$49**

**Larimer Square** | 1431 Larimer St. (bet. 14th & 15th Sts.) | Denver |  
303-820-2282 | [www.riojadenver.com](http://www.riojadenver.com)

"Every detail is executed to perfection" at this "hit" in "trendy" Larimer Square, from "master of taste and design" Jennifer Jasinski's "outside-the-box" Med cuisine (particularly the "to-die-for homemade breads and pastas") to the "outstanding service" to the "hip, urban", "glassware"-bedecked decor; there is "one beef" though: the "terrible acoustics", exacerbated by the fact that it's "usually crowded"; P.S. tabs "can be expensive", but the "decadent" brunch is a "great value."

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