



'All-Star' outdoor dining options for the season

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Ah, springtime — that time of year when New York restaurant-goers suddenly take to the sidewalk en masse. While many eateries have outdoor seating, some are a cut above the rest.

So we asked the NYC-based stars and judges of this season of "Chopped All-Stars" — which premieres on the Food Network Sunday — to lead us in the direction of fab al fresco dining.

CHRIS SANTOS,

contestant and chef and partner of The Stanton Social and Beauty and Essex

Santos' pick: "I love **Back Forty** (190 Ave. B, 212-388-1990), especially the



patio during the summer. It's one of my favorite places to be on a sunny Sunday for late brunch or when the sun is going down at dinner. I try to make my way through the menu, but I always end up ordering the same thing — pig jowl nuggets with jalapeño jam and the grass-fed burger with heritage bacon and farm stand Cheddar. I wash it all down with a Penn Shandy — a refreshing mix of ginger gin, lemon and pilsner."