



## DESSERT

## EDITORS' CHOICE

## COUNTER, SALEM

STANDOUT QUALITIES: Chef Justin Perdue takes inspiration from the counter restaurants of old, including their desserts. Like the main courses, Perdue aims for the desserts to have a balance of flavors, not just sweetness, so he incorporates some vinegar to achieve the effect. The end results are exquisite plates that round out any meal.

WHAT'S NEW: Counter's pie menu has just come out, featuring two daily pies that change often.

INSIDER TIP: Desserts focus on citrus in the wintertime. When snow returns, get the grapefruit tart, a sophisticated grown-up construction of shortbread crust filled with ginger cream, and topped with slices of fresh pink grapefruit, served alongside a scoop of bright basil ice cream. 209 Essex St., Salem, 978-451-4818, countersalem.com