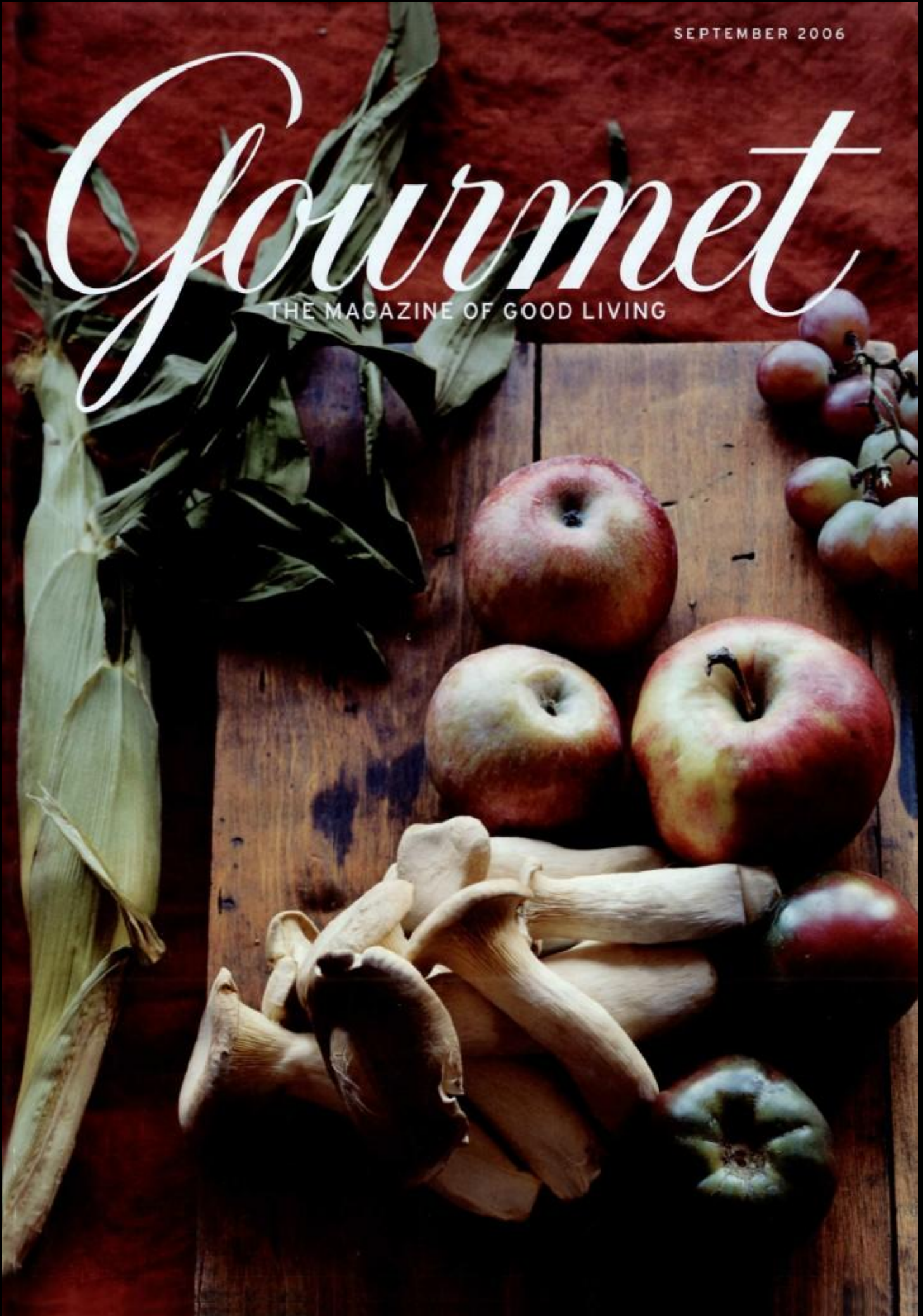


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# A Taste of Arizona

Travel to any part of this great Southwestern destination and discover a vibrant variety of culture and cuisine.



**A**rizona is a land of dramatic range, sweeping variety and inspiring abundance. From its energetic cities and natural beauty to its luxury resorts and culinary offerings, a trip to The Grand Canyon State has something for everyone.

Red rocks, verdant forests and multi-colored sunsets abound, while an esteemed art community, exciting nighttime activities and high-end shopping locales reign supreme. Almost as varied as this cultural and natural environment is the state's culinary adventures, designed to satiate diverse tastes and distinct epicurean preferences. Whether you feel like dancing, kicking back and laughing with friends, admiring artwork or testing out your inner sommelier, Arizona has it all...



In the West, a hard day's ride always ended with a hot meal.  
Tonight, it's seared tuna and spinach sautéed with salsa rosa.



Seize the Day



**AN APPETITE FOR ARIZONA**

Located in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area, **AZ 88** is a trendy hotspot known for a chic after-hours bar atmosphere. It serves up delicious salads and sandwiches—perfect for a light lunch or a more hearty dinner—in an eclectically designed space. Upon arrival, guests are greeted by an extensive all-white patio featuring an orange mood light. Inside, suede sofa-like chairs and other modern design elements complement well-spaced, dark wood tables, high ceilings, giant mirrors and 1930s-style phones.

Also in the Scottsdale area is **Trader Vic's**. This exotic establishment fuses legendary style and service to create the ultimate Polynesian culinary experience, which is topped off by tropical libations. The food is highly influenced by Asia, with a menu featuring Chef Wiley's reinterpretation of French, Creole and Indian cuisine.

**The Gallery on Oak Creek** is a truly unique restaurant, which resides at the Amara Creek Resort in Sedona. Emphasizing the art of taste and presentation, its tempting culinary menu is showcased by special tabletop décor and pieces of gallery-caliber art. Just as intriguing as the culinary offerings is the one-of-a-kind "art menu," which provides key information about the galleries, artists and the exhibits on display at the restaurant.

**Café Poca Cosa** has been called one of Tucson's most creative Mexican restaurants—both in cuisine and décor. Run by former model Suzana Davila, it is famous for its incredible moles and tamale pie, as well as its red walls and Southwestern artwork. With its plentiful servings and lively atmosphere, Café Poca Cosa is a restaurant not to be missed.

For more information on Arizona's vibrant variety of culinary and cultural offerings, visit [arizonaguide.com](http://arizonaguide.com) or call 866-532-2498.



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