

# Bon Appétit

Eating our way through Southern California

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## Southern Charm

While Catarah Coleman and Shoneji Robison each moved from Florida to California to chase their dreams—to become a publicist and an actress, respectively—they didn't realize things would turn out so sweet. Coleman and Robison both grew up in the Sunshine State, but they met for the first time in Los Angeles. Coleman was running a bakery out of her apartment, while Robison wanted to start a business. They teamed up to launch **Southern Girl Desserts**, bringing Southern flavors *and* hospitality to L.A. "I knew that hospitality could be part of the fabric of our business," Coleman explains. It's this philosophy, plus delicious fare such as lemon (pictured) and sweet potato cupcakes, pies, and "lazy vegan" peach cobbler, that has netted clients such as Magic Johnson, a win on the Food Network show *Cupcake Wars*, and loyal customers. 3650 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Suite 100, Los Angeles. (323) 293-2253; [southerngirldesserts.com](http://southerngirldesserts.com).

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