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## James Martin on why America is a must for foodies

In his new ITV daytime show, the chef drives across the States and acquires a taste for Texas - he tells us why

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### **Which coast wins in the food stakes – the east or west?**

New York has it all, but I would say California has the best restaurants. We started in San Francisco and headed north to Napa Valley and Sonoma County, which are famous for their beautiful vineyards but also have lovely towns with amazing hotels and restaurants.

### **You blend your own wine in episode one...**

Yeah, at Raymond Vineyards, which is owned by an eccentric gentleman who owns vineyards around the world. You've got to get dressed up as a spaceman for some reason – maybe the crew were taking the mickey out of me – then you blend your own wine and put your unique label on it. And when you get back to the UK, you can phone them up and order more.