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Spicy ribs and tangy brisket: Here's *Sunset's* barbecue Hall of Flame

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beque. Texas expatriates Willard Sterling and Steve Vinson have brought some fine, fine 'cue to the low, low desert. Tootie's uses green oak and smokes its brisket up to 17 hours, but the flavor, while full, is more subtle than most Texas barbecue. The sides are outstanding, including a creamed corn spiced by jalapeños.

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