

# THE SECRET TO A GREAT SANDWICH (A WINNING COMBINATION OF BREAD & PROTEIN!)

We know the star of any sandwich or burger is often seen as the protein, but did you know consumers rank bread as equally important! It's really no surprise since it's the first thing guests see, and makes the difference between a sandwich holding all its ingredients together, and one that falls apart. Since bread and protein work hand-in-hand to create the ultimate eating experience, we created a simple guide to help select complementary options.

Sandwiches are found on over 69% of restaurant menus

Datassential MenuTrends, 2023 ...and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> most menu'd savory dish

Datassential, Sandwick Keynote, 2022



#### Protein Texture

#### CRISPY

(such as fried chicken or fish)

Select softer bread varieties to contrast with the crisp coating.

Select breads that are resilient with a slight crust but airy

interior so they don't get mushy

or fall apart.

# **RESILIENT BUNS**

ACE® Classic Burger Bun ACE® Craft Slider Bun



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# SAUCY

(such as pulled pork, brisket, ground meat)

SOFT

(such as tuna melts, lobster,

chicken salads)

Opt for breads that are softer so the filling doesn't squeeze out, but still provides stability and structure.



# VERSATILE PANINIS

ACE® Mini Herb Schiacciata



# These types of proteins can | \_\_\_\_\_ handle a bread with a delicious

(such as cured proteins, shaved or sliced deli meats, sausage)

handle a bread with a delicion crisp crust.



## **RUSTIC CIABATTAS**

ACE® Ciabatta Piccola 6" ACE® Ciabatta Bun 4"x4"



#### **CRUSTY BAGUETTES**

ACE® Baguette Roll

### **GRILLED**

(such as grilled chicken, steak, meat patties)

Has the most flexibillity & can often work with almost all bread types!

# Flavor Pairing Tips

**Bold, Rich or Savory Proteins:** Complement with more neutral bases such as white based breads. **Mild Proteins:** Enhance flavor by contrasting with herb, garlic or multigrain bread varieties.

ACE Bakery® artisan breads are the perfect foundation for your creativity.

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