WHERE TO DRINK WELL

OUR GUIDE TO 3,592 AWARD-WINNING WINE LISTS AROUND THE WORLD

FIVE NEW GRAND AWARD WINNERS
PORTUGAL: WHITE WINES STAR
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Grand Award Winner
Grill 23 & Bar, Boston
THE 2017 RESTAURANT AWARDS

In the 80+ pages that follow, you’ll find listings for all the restaurants that earned a Wine Spectator award for their wine program in 2017. We hope you’ll give them a try.

ABOUT THE AWARD LEVELS

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 2,335 winners
These wine lists, which typically offer at least 90 selections, feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Whether compact or extensive, focused or diverse, these lists deliver sufficient choice to satisfy discerning wine lovers.

BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 1,168 winners
These wine lists display excellent breadth across multiple winegrowing regions and/or significant vertical depth of top producers, along with superior presentation. Typically offering 350 or more selections, these

GRAND AWARD 89 winners
Our highest award, given to restaurants that show an uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine program. These wine lists typically feature 1,000 or more selections and deliver serious breadth of top producers, outstanding depth in mature vintages, a selection of large-format bottles, excellent harmony with the menu and superior presentation. These restaurants offer the highest level of wine service. Grand Award winners are denoted by red type in the listings.

HOW TO READ THE GUIDE

In the following pages, abbreviated listings comprising location and basic contact information are given for Award of Excellence winners; listings for Best of Award of Excellence winners include more detailed information, such as the restaurant's wine strengths and type of cuisine. Below are explanations of the different categories of information given.

WINE DIRECTOR/SOMMELIER: This information, provided by the restaurant, indicates the people responsible for managing the wine list and assisting diners with their wine selections.

WINE STRENGTHS: Determined by our judges, this indicates the emphasis of the list, not all the regions from which wines are offered. Wine strengths are listed in descending order of prominence.

WINE SELECTIONS: This indicates the number of selections on the list at the time the award was conferred. For Grand Award winners, this is followed by the total number of bottles in the restaurant's inventory.

WINE PRICES: Determined by our judges, this describes the overall pricing of the wine list, taking into account both the general markup of wines offered and the number of wines at high and low price points. Inexpensive lists offer many bottles for less than $50, while also exhibiting a below-normal markup (generally considered to be two- to two-and-a-half times the wholesale bottle price). These lists offer uncommon value, and the restaurants are indicated in green. Moderate lists employ the industry norm for markup, with a range of less expensive and expensive bottles. Expensive

lists offer wines priced with a greater-than-normal markup, along with many selections for more than $100 a bottle. Pricing is not a judging criterion, it is merely provided as a guide for the reader.

CORKAGE: Provided by the restaurant, this reflects the corkage fee charged per bottle to customers. Corkage fees are typically charged per 750ml bottle; expect to pay more if you bring a magnum. Some restaurants do not permit diners to bring their own wine; others are prohibited by state or local regulations. Some readers report discrepancies between our listings and actual practices at the restaurants. If you plan to bring wine to a restaurant, always call ahead to confirm the corkage policy.

CUISINE TYPE AND MENU PRICING: Cuisine type is provided by the restaurant, indicating the style of food served. Menu pricing is determined by our judges. The pricing categories are based on what a typical guest would pay at dinner for a two-course meal. Price does not factor in tip or beverage costs. The categories are defined as follows: Inexpensive is less than $40; moderate is $40–$65; and expensive is $66 or more. For restaurants that offer only a prix fixe menu, the specific price is indicated, based on information provided by the restaurant.

NOTE: Our awards program evaluates wine lists, not restaurants as a whole. Although we assume that the level of food and service will be commensurate with the quality of the wine list, this unfortunately is not always true. We cannot visit every award-winning restaurant (although all Grand Award winners and many others are inspected by Wine Spectator), so we encourage you to alert us to disparities or disappointments. If you have comments regarding your experience at one of our award-winning restaurants, contact us at restaurants@msanker.com.

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MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE
2 Seaport Lane, Boston; (617) 526-0410

NEPTUNE OYSTER
63 Salem St., Boston; (617) 742-3474

OAK & ROWAN
321 A Street, Fort Point, Boston; (617) 284-7742

OAK LONG BAR & KITCHEN
Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 158 St. James Ave., Boston; (617) 585-7222

OCEAN PRIME
140 Seaport Blvd., Boston; (617) 670-5435

THE OCEANAIRE SEAFOOD ROOM
40 Court St., Boston; (617) 742-2377

OSTRA
1 Charter St., S. Boston; (617) 687-9300

THE PALM
1 Congressional Place, Boston; (617) 687-9292

POST 390
406 Stuart St., Boston; (617) 399-0095

THE CITIZEN
20 University Road, Cambridge; (617) 491-9400

THE CITIZEN WINE BAR & THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN
120 Commercial St., Worcester; (508) 459-9050

THE COACH GRILL
50 Boston Post Road, Wayland; (508) 358-5900

CRU RESTAURANT
1 Straight Wharf, Nantucket; (508) 228-9278

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE
241 Park Ave., Pennington, (609) 252-6600

DILL'S GRILL
524 Columbus Ave., (609) 247-0004

DINER RESTAURANT & WINE BAR
293 Bolton St., Marlboro; (978) 360-4347

THE NAUTILUS
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ELEVEN CHOP HOUSE
11 Shrewsbury St., Worcester; (508) 799-4111

LEGAL SEA FOODS
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<td>155 Tunkplake Road, The Cotswolds; (508) 481-4948</td>
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<td>TOPPER'S AT THE WAUWINET</td>
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<td>617 S. Michigan Road, Eaton Rapids; (517) 665-2500</td>
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<td>17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia; (734) 542-9463</td>
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<td>400 Renaissance Center, Detroit; (313) 567-6837</td>
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<td>Premier Best Western, 26555 Telegraph Road, Southfield; (313) 567-2622</td>
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<td>6600 28th St. S.E., Grand Rapids; (616) 493-6686 Wine director Joanne Noto Wine strengths Piedmont, Tuscany, Veneto Wine selections 1250 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Italian Menu prices Moderate</td>
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<td>NOVI CHOPHOUSE</td>
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**Topper's at the Wauwinet**

The Wauwinet Inn, 120 Wauwinet Road, Nantucket; (508) 228-8765 Wine director Craig Hanna Sommeller Hieu Tran, H Igor Valle WINE strengths California, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Italy Wine selections 1,500 Number of bottles 20,000 Wine prices Moderate - Cuisine Regional Menu prices Moderate.

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**Tosca**

Wine director Caroline Fiske WINE strengths California, Italy, France Wine selections 350 Wine prices Moderate - Cuisine Northern Italian/Regional Menu prices Moderate.

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14 Thompson St., Winchester; (781) 729-2024