

Wine Spectator

WineSpectator.com

WHERE TO DRINK WELL

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

Grand Award Winner
Grill 23 & Bar, Boston

AUG. 31, 2017

FIVE NEW GRAND AWARD WINNERS
PORTUGAL: WHITE WINES STAR
NEW ZEALAND: GREAT PINOT NOIR
WASHINGTON: WHAT TO BUY NOW

*****5-DIGIT 10011
#BXBLTGM *****5-DIGIT 10011
#MMB0015766330/6# B0070 US002 R1703Z105
|||
ALICE MARSHALL 30APR20 3322-11
STL 801
126 5TH AVE
NEW YORK NY 10011-5625

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

To qualify for an award, a wine list must present complete, accurate information, including vintages and appellations for all selections. Complete producer names and correct spellings are mandatory, and the overall presentation of the list is also considered. Lists that meet these requirements are judged for one of our three awards.

🏆 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

restaurants are destinations for serious wine lovers, showing a deep commitment to wine both in the cellar and through their service team.

🏆🏆🏆 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

Excellence and Grand Award 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 restaurantawards@mshanken.com.

RESTAURANTS.WINESPECTATOR.COM

Have you seen our Restaurant Awards site? Our free online Restaurant Search, including maps, lets you easily find the 2017 award winners nearest you. Or look for the perfect dining spot in any part of the world according to wine strengths, cuisine type, pricing and more. Plus, find all our great dining articles in one convenient location: restaurant guides, sommelier and chef interviews, news and our tributes to the 2017 Grand Award winners. Visit restaurants.winespectator.com.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON & VICINITY

continued

FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR
217 Stuart St., Boston; (617) 292-0808

FOGO DE CHÃO
200 Dartmouth St., Boston; (617) 585-6300

GOLDEN TEMPLE
1651 Beacon St., Brookline; (617) 277-9722

▲ GRILL 23 & BAR

161 Berkeley St., Boston; (617) 542-2255 **Wine director** Brahm Callahan **Sommeliers** Brad Fichter, Chibbon Coholan, Ian O'Reilly, Hugo Bensimon **Wine strengths** California, France, Bordeaux, Rhône, Burgundy, Champagne, Piedmont **Wine selections** 1,900 **Number of bottles** 12,500 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** American/Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive **Grand Award since 2012**



BRAHM CALLAHAN
WINE DIRECTOR

HARVEST
44 Brattle St., Cambridge; (617) 868-2255 **Wine director** Stephanie Roth **Wine strengths** France, California, Italy, Spain **Wine selections** 350 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American **Menu prices** Moderate

LA FAMIGLIA GIORGIO
112 Salem St., Boston; (617) 367-6711

LA MORRA
48 Boylston St., Brookline; (617) 739-0007



BERNADETTE KEAVENEY
WINE DIRECTOR

LEGAL SEA FOODS
100 Huntington Ave., Boston; (617) 266-7775

LEGAL SEA FOODS
26 Park Square, Boston; (617) 426-4444 **Wine director** Sandy Block **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, France, Italy, Loire **Wine selections** 800 **Cuisine** Seafood **Menu prices** Moderate

LEGAL SEA FOODS
255 State St., Boston; (617) 742-5300

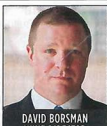
LEGAL SEA FOODS
5 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square, Cambridge; (617) 426-4444

LEGAL SEA FOODS
20 University Road, Cambridge; (617) 491-9400

▲ LUCCA BACK BAY
116 Huntington Ave., Boston; (617) 247-2400 **Wine director** Simeon Parsons **Wine strengths** California, Tuscany, Piedmont, Burgundy **Wine selections** 380 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** Moderate

LUCCA NORTH END
226 Hanover St., Boston; (617) 742-9200 **Wine director** Mauricio Ramos **Wine strengths** California, Italy **Wine selections** 500 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** Moderate

MISTRAL
223 Columbus Ave., Boston; (617) 867-9300



DAVID BORSMAN
WINE DIRECTOR

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; (857) 284-7742

OAK LONG BAR + KITCHEN
Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., Boston; (617) 585-7222

OCEAN PRIME
140 Seaport Blvd., Boston; (617) 670-1345

THE OCEANAIRE SEAFOOD ROOM
40 Court St., Boston; (617) 742-2277

OSTRA
1 Charles St. S., Boston; (617) 867-9300

THE PALM
1 International Place, Boston; (617) 867-9292



CARLOS STEIN
WINE DIRECTOR

▲ POST 390
406 Stuart St., Boston; (617) 399-0015 **Wine director** Jason Percival **Wine strengths** France, California, Italy, Oregon **Wine selections** 370 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American/Regional **Menu prices** Moderate



JASON PERCIVAL
WINE DIRECTOR

RISING STAR

POST 390

Not your typical tavern, Post 390 in Boston's Back Bay offers an elevated take on a traditional pub, featuring elegant decor, a contemporary menu and a 370-selection list strong in bottles from France, California, Italy and Oregon.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE
Old City Hall, 45 School St., Boston; (617) 742-9401

► RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE
10 Trotten Pond Road, Waltham; (781) 622-9775

► SAPIORE RISTORANTE + BAR
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 606 Congress St., Boston; (617) 342-5606

SEASONS 52
220 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill; (617) 558-1152

SMITH & WOLLENSKY
Armory Castle, 101 Arlington St., Boston; (617) 423-1112 **Wine director** Richard Chesnut **Wine strengths** California **Wine selections** 650 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American/Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

SMITH & WOLLENSKY
Atlantic Wharf, 294 Congress St., Boston; (617) 778-2200 **Wine director** Jonathan Maneri **Wine strengths** California, France **Wine selections** 600 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** American/Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

SORELLINA
Huntington Ave., Boston; (617) 412-4600 **Wine director** William Rohlfing **Wine strengths** Italy, Piedmont, Tuscany, California, France **Wine selections** 440 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** Northern Italian **Menu prices** Moderate



WILLIAM ROHLFING
WINE DIRECTOR

STREGA WATERFRONT
1 Marina Park Drive, Boston; (617) 345-3992 **Wine director** Michael Campagnone **Wine strengths** California, Italy, Bordeaux, Rhône, Rhône, France, Oregon **Wine selections** 1,365 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** Moderate

STRIP BY STREGA
64 Arlington St., Boston; (617) 456-5300 **Wine director** Sean Conroy **Wine strengths** California, Italy, Bordeaux, Burgundy **Wine selections** 985 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

TABERNA DE HARO
999 Beacon St., Brookline; (617) 277-8272

TOP OF THE HUB RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston St., Boston; (617) 536-1775

VILLA FRANCESCA
150 Richmond St., Boston; (617) 367-2948

MASSACHUSETTS

OTHER CITIES

AMERICAN SEASONS
80 Centre St., Nantucket; (508) 228-7111 **Wine director** Rachael Modrovsky **Wine strengths** California, Italy, Bordeaux, Rhône, Rhône, France, Oregon **Wine selections** 400 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American/Regional **Menu prices** Moderate

ATLANTIC FISH & CHOP HOUSE
2 Main St., Edgartown; (508) 627-7001

► THE BISTRO & WINE BAR
Mirbeau Inn & Spa at The Pinehills, 35 Landmark Drive, Plymouth; (508) 209-2393

BLANTYRE
16 Blantyre Road, Lenox; (413) 637-3556 **Sommelier** William Selbert **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, Bordeaux **Wine selections** 2,210 **Number of bottles** 9,115 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** No charge **Cuisine** American/French **Menu prices** Expensive **Grand Award since 2009**

BLEU
10 Market St., Mashpee Commons, Mashpee; (508) 539-7907

BLUE HERON RESTAURANT
112 N. Main St., Sunderland; (413) 665-2102



DEBORAH SNOW
OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

BOARDING HOUSE
12 Federal St., Nantucket; (508) 228-9622 **Wine director** Devin Perras **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, France **Wine selections** 525 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** Regional **Menu prices** Moderate

THE BRANT POINT GRILL
White Elephant Resort, 50 Easton St., Nantucket; (508) 325-1320 **Wine director** Mark Bronke **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, France, Italy **Wine selections** 400 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American **Menu prices** Moderate

BRAVA
27 Housatonic St., Lenox; (413) 637-9171

BUCA'S TUSCAN ROADHOUSE
4 Depot Road, Harwich; (508) 432-6900

C SALT WINE BAR & GRILLE
75 Davis Straits, Falmouth; (774) 763-2954

► CAFE ESCADRILLE
26 Cambridge St., Burlington; (781) 273-1916 **Wine director** David Bradbury **Wine strengths** California, Bordeaux, Champagne **Wine selections** 460 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American **Menu prices** Moderate

THE CAPITAL GRILLE
10 Wayside Road, Burlington; (781) 505-4130

CHANDLER'S RESTAURANT
25 Greenfield Road, South Deerfield; (413) 665-1277

THE CHANTICLEER
9 New St., Siasconet, Nantucket; (508) 257-4499 **Wine director** Kelly Hulme **Wine strengths** Burgundy, Bordeaux, Champagne **Wine selections** 525 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** French/Seasonal **Menu prices** Moderate

THE CITIZEN WINE BAR & THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN
120 Commercial St., Worcester; (508) 459-9090



CASSANDRA CARRUTH
WINE DIRECTOR

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

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

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE
236 Patriot Place, Foxborough; (508) 339-4810

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE
427 Walnut St., Lynnfield; (781) 944-4810

DEL FRISCO'S GRILLE
92 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington; (781) 365-2005

DUNE RESTAURANT
20 Broad St., Nantucket; (508) 228-5550

80 THOREAU
80 Thoreau St., Concord; (978) 318-0008

FISH RESTAURANT & WINE BAR
29 S. Bolton St., Marlboro; (508) 460-3474

THE NAUTILUS
12 Cambridge St., Nantucket; (508) 228-0301



STEPHEN BOWLER
OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

OLD YARMOUTH INN
223 Massachusetts 6A, Yarmouth Port; (508) 362-9962

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

ORAN MOR
2 S. Beach St.,
Nantucket; (508)
228-8655



Jon Tancino
OWNER &
WINE DIRECTOR

THE PEARL
12 Federal St., Nantucket; (508) 228-9701
Wine director Devin Perras Wine strengths
Burgundy, Bordeaux, France, California, Italy
Wine selections 530 Wine prices Moderate
Corkage No charge Cuisine Seafood Menu
prices Moderate

PELLANA STEAK HOUSE
9 Sylvan St., Peabody; (978) 531-4800

THE PROPRIETORS BAR & TABLE
9 India St., Nantucket; (508) 228-7477

THE QUARRY RESTAURANT
415 Whiting St., Hingham; (781) 340-7300

THE RED LION INN
30 Main St., Stockbridge; (413) 298-5545
Wine director Daniel Thomas Wine strengths
California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, Italy Wine
selections 535 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine
American/Regional Menu prices Moderate

SCARGO CAFÉ
799 Main St., Dennis; (508) 385-8200

SEASONS 52
6 Wayside Road, Burlington; (781) 272-5552

SHIP'S INN
13 Fair St., Nantucket; (508) 228-0040

SKY
1369 Boston-Providence Highway, Norwood;
(781) 255-8888

THE SOLE PROPRIETOR
118 Highland St., Worcester; (508) 798-3474

STARS
Chatham Bars Inn, 297 Shore Road,
Chatham; (508) 945-0096

**STREGA PRIME ITALIAN
STEAKHOUSE**
100 Sylvan Road, Woburn; (781) 933-3333
Wine director Sean Conroy Wine strengths
California, Italy, Bordeaux Wine selections
855 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Steak
house Menu prices Expensive

TAVOLINO
274 Patriot Place, Foxborough; (508)
543-6543

3 RESTAURANT
461 W. Central St., Franklin; (508) 528-6333

TOMASSO TRATTORIA & ENOTECA
154 Turnpike Road, The Crossings,
Southborough; (508) 481-8484

TOPPER'S AT THE WAUWINET
The Wauwinet Inn, 120 Wauwinet Road,
Nantucket; (508) 228-8768 Wine director
Craig Hanna Sommeliers Hieu Tran, Higor
Valle Wine strengths California, Bordeaux,
Burgundy, Rhône, Italy Wine selections 1,500
Number of bottles 20,000 Wine prices
Moderate Cuisine Regional Menu prices
Expensive
Grand Award since 1996

▲TOSCA
14 North St., Hingham; (781) 740-0080
Wine director Caroline Fiske Wine strengths
California, Italy, France Wine selections 385
Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$15 Cuisine
Northern Italian/Regional Menu prices
Moderate

TWK
14 Thompson St., Winchester; (781)
729-0204

VIA ITALIA TABLE
89 Shrewbury St., Worcester; (508)
754-4842

WHEATLEIGH
Wheatleigh Hotel, Hawthorne Road, Lenox;
(413) 637-0610 Wine director Marc Wilhelm
Wine strengths California, Burgundy,
Bordeaux, Italy Wine selections 880 Wine
prices Moderate Corkage No charge Cuisine
American/French Menu prices Prix fix \$175

MICHIGAN

►AERIE
Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, 100 Grand
Traverse Village
Boulevard, Acme;
(231) 534-6800



Max Baier
WINE DIRECTOR

▲BIG ROCK CHOP HOUSE
245 S. Eton St., Birmingham; (248) 647-7774
Wine director Vera Day Rizer Wine strengths
California Wine selections 450 Wine prices
Moderate Corkage \$25 Cuisine American/
Steak house Menu prices Expensive

►BISTRO BELLA VITA
44 Grandville Ave. S.W., Suite 360, Grand
Rapids; (616) 222-4600

BISTRO ON THE BOULEVARD
Boulevard Inn, 521 Lake Blvd., Saint Joseph;
(269) 983-3882

BLU
5705 Lake St., Glen Arbor; (231) 334-2530

BRAVO! RESTAURANT & CAFÉ
5402 Portage Road, Kalamazoo; (269)
344-7700

BUTCH'S DRY DOCK
44 E. Eighth St., Holland; (616) 396-8227
Wine director Butch Terhaar Wine strengths
California, France, Italy, Oregon, Michigan
Wine selections 800 Corkage \$25 Cuisine
American Menu prices Moderate

►CANTORO TRATTORIA
15550 North Haggerty Road, Plymouth;
(734) 667-1199

THE CAPITAL GRILLE
2800 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy; (248)
649-5300 Wine director Steve Nosanchuk
Wine strengths California, France, Italy,
international Wine selections 500 Wine
prices Moderate Corkage \$25 Cuisine Steak
house Menu prices Expensive

COMPARI'S ON THE PARK
350 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-0100

THE COOKS HOUSE
115 Wellington St., Traverse City; (231)
946-8700

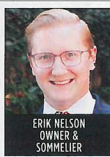
DIVANI
15 Ionia S.W., Suite 130, Grand Rapids; (616)
774-9463

DUCK BLIND GRILLE
Otsego Club & Resort, 696 M-32 E., Gaylord;
(989) 732-5181

DUSTY'S WINE BAR
1839 Grand River Ave., Okemos; (517)
349-8680

THE EARLE
12 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor; (734)
994-0221 Wine director Steve Goldberg
Wine strengths Bordeaux, Piedmont,
Tuscany, Rhône, California, Germany Wine
selections 1,300 Wine prices Moderate
Corkage \$30 Cuisine French/Italian Menu
prices Moderate

THE ENGLISH INN
677 S. Michigan Road,
Eaton Rapids; (517)
663-2500



Erik Nelson
OWNER &
SOMMELIER

FIAMMA GRILLE
380 S. Main St., Plymouth; (734) 416-9340

**FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE
& WINE BAR**
323 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham; (248)
723-0134

**FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE
& WINE BAR**
17400 Haggerty Road, Livonia; (734)
542-9463

GAUCHO BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE
39550 Seven Mile Road, Northville; (248)
380-7770

IRIDESCENCE
MotorCity Casino Hotel, 2901 Grand River
Ave., Detroit; (313) 237-6732

JOE MUER SEAFOOD
400 Renaissance Center, Detroit; (313)
567-6837

LA BÉCASSE
9001 S. Dunn's Farm Road, Maple City; (231)
334-3944

MARIO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
4222 Second Ave., Detroit; (313) 832-1616

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE
888 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy; (248)
404-9845

THE NEW YORK RESTAURANT
101 State St., Harbor Springs; (231) 526-1904

NIBI
FireKeepers Casino
Hotel, 11177 E. Michigan
Ave., Battle Creek;
(269) 660-5665



Michael Diana
SOMMELIER

►THE NOMAD GRILL
Premier Best Western, 26555 Telegraph
Road, Southfield; (313) 567-2622

**NOTO'S OLD WORLD
ITALIAN DINING**
6600 28th St. S.E., Grand Rapids; (616)
493-6686 Wine director Joann Noto Wine
strengths Piedmont, Tuscany, Veneto Wine
selections 1,235 Wine prices Moderate
Cuisine Italian Menu prices Moderate

NOVI CHOPHOUSE
27000 Kareevich Drive, Novi; (248) 305-5210

OCEAN PRIME
2915 Coolidge Highway, Troy; (248)
458-0500

**PAESANO RESTAURANT
AND WINE BAR**
3411 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor; (734)
971-0484

A FAMILY
LEGACY OF PASSION,
TRADITION
AND INNOVATION.

SINCE 1962.



Bianchi Family at the winery since 1962.

Imported by MW Imports USA,
A division of Monterra USA
White Plains, NY

CAMPAGNA FINANZIATA
ACCORDO TO I.R. REGULATION
No. 1308/13

CASTELLO
Monsanto
CASTELLODOMONSANTO.IT

Grand Award
New Winner

Best of Award of Excellence
Upgrade Restaurants in GREEN feature inexpensive wine pricing

Award of Excellence