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THE 2015 RESTAURANT AWARDS

IN THE 60+ PAGES THAT FOLLOW, YOU'LL FIND LISTINGS FOR ALL THE RESTAURANTS THAT EARNED A *WINE SPECTATOR* AWARD FOR THEIR WINE PROGRAM IN 2015. WE HOPE YOU'LL GIVE THEM A TRY.

81 UNITED STATES • 129 INTERNATIONAL

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

2,563 winners

Our basic award, for lists that offer a well-chosen selection of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Typically these lists offer at least 90 selections.

BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

973 winners

Our second-tier award, created to give special recognition to restaurants that clearly exceed the requirements of the Award of Excellence; many are close to the Grand Award level. These lists display either vintage depth, with vertical offerings of several top producers from major regions, or excellent breadth spread over several winegrowing regions. These wine lists typically offer 400 or more selections, along with superior presentation; some offer more than 1,000 selections.

TRI GRAND AWARD

81 winners

Our highest award, given to restaurants that show an uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine program. These restaurants typically offer 1,500 selections or more, and feature serious breadth of top producers, outstanding depth in mature vintages, a selection of large-format bottles, excellent harmony with the menu, and superior organization, presentation and 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 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 restaurant's list at the time the award was conferred. For Grand Award winners, this information 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 both less expensive and

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expensive offerings. *Expensive* lists offer wines priced with a greaterthan-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 figure reflects the corkage fee charged per bottle to customers. Corkage fees, which can range greatly, 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 its corkage policy.*

CUISINE TYPE AND MENU PRICES: Provided by the restaurant, these descriptors indicate the style of food served and the price range for dinner entrées, respectively. Restaurants that offer a prix fixe menu are indicated accordingly, with the price (or range of prices) per menu.

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 lists submitted by award winners, 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.

RESTAURANT AWARDS

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BOSTON & VICINITY

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

GRILL 23 & BAR 161 Berkeley St., Boston; (617) 542-2255 Wine director Brahm Callahan Wine strengths California, France, Italy, Spain Wine selections 1,700 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine American Menu prices \$27-\$70

AHARVEST

44 Brattle St., Cambridge; (617) 868-2255 Wine director John Mooradian Wine strengths France, California, Italy Wine selections 450 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine American Menu prices \$26-\$40

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

-LEGAL SEA FOODS 100 Huntington Ave., Boston; (617) 266-7775 7

LEGAL SEA FOODS 255 State St., Boston; (617) 227-3115

11 LEGAL SEA FOODS 26 Park Square, Boston; (617) 426-4444 Wine director Sandy Block Wine strengths California, Burgundy Wine selections 800 Cuisine Seafood Menu prices \$16-\$41

LEGAL SEA FOODS 5 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square, Cambridge; (617) 864-3400

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

LEGAL TEST KITCHEN 225 Northern Ave., Boston; (617) 330-7430

LUCCA BACK BAY 116 Huntington Ave., Boston; (617) 247-2400 LUCCA NORTH END 99

226 Hanover St., Boston; (617) 742-9200 Wine director Jennifer Glover Wine strengths California, Italy Wine selections 500 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Italian Menu prices \$24-\$38

MOOO RESTAURANT 99 Fifteen Beacon, 15 Beacon St., Boston; (617) 670-2515 Wine director Ken Otsuka Wine strengths California, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Rhône Wine selections 565 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine Steak house Menu prices \$24-\$160

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

1 International Place, Boston; (617) 867-9292 PAPA RAZZI T

159 Newbury St., Boston; (617) 536-9200 POST 390

406 Stuart St., Boston; (617) 399-0015 RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE 45 School St., Old City Hall, Boston; (617) 742-8401

SCAMPO The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., Boston; (617) 536-2100

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

SMITH & WOLLENSKY J Armory Castle, 101 Arlington St., Boston; (617) 423-1112

ASMITH & WOLLENSKY 11 294 Congress St., Atlantic Wharf, Boston; (617) 778-2200 Wine director Tim Speziale Wine strengths California, France Wine selections 550 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Steak house Menu prices \$33-\$85

SORELLINA 1 Huntington Ave., Boston; (617) 412-4600 Wine director William Rohlfing Wine strengths Italy, California, France Wine selections 375 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine Contemporary Italian Menu prices \$32-\$47

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Grand Award

STREGA WATERFRONT 1 Marina Park Drive, Boston; (617) 345-3992 Wine director Sean Conroy Wine strengths California, Italy Wine selections 1.355 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine Italian Menu prices \$18-\$48 9

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999 Beacon St., Brookline; (617) 277-8272 TOP OF THE HUB RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston St., Boston; (617) 536-1775

9 TRESCA 233 Hanover St., Boston; (617) 742-8240

9 VILLA FRANCESCA 150 Richmond St., Boston; (617) 367-2948 1 VINOTECA DI MONICA

143 Richmond St., Boston; (617) 227-0311

MASSACHUSETTS

OTHER CITIES

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Best of Award of Excellence

AMERICAN SEASONS 80 Centre St., Nantucket; (508) 228-7111 Wine director Orla Murphy-LaScola Wine

strengths California Wine selections 510 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine American Menu prices \$28-\$36 **ATLANTIC FISH & CHOP HOUSE**

1 2 Main St., Edgartown; (508) 627-7001 THE BARLEY NECK INN

5 Beach Road at Main Street, Orleans; (508) 255-0212

9 BARREL HOUSE AMERICAN BAR 252 Cabot St., Beverly; (978) 998-4627 **BISTRO LES GRAS** 9

25 West St., Northampton; (413) 320-4666 BLANTYRE

16 Blantyre Road, Lenox: (413) 637-3556 Wine director Christelle Cotar Sommelier Luc Chevalier Wine strengths California, Burgundy, Bordeaux Wine selections 2,495 Number of bottles 11,800 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine French Menu prices Prix fixe \$125-\$165 Grand Award since 2009

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

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

BOARDING HOUSE 12 Federal St., Nantucket; (508) 228-9622 Wine director Angela Raynor Wine strengths California, France Wine selections 525 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Regional Menu prices \$24-\$48

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New Winner

THE BRANT POINT GRILL White Elephant Resort, 50 Easton St., Nantucket; (508) 325-1320

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 ADAM

420 Stockbridge Road, Building 3, Great Barrington: (413) 528-7786 Wine director Adam Zieminski Wine strengths France, California Wine selections 570 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine Modern European Menu prices \$23-\$45

THE CAPITAL GRILLE 10 Wayside Road, Burlington; (781) 505-4130 **CEIA KITCHEN + BAR** 38 State St., Newburyport; (978) 358-8112

Award of Excellence

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

THE CITIZEN WINE BAR & THE PEOPLE'S 9 KITCHEN 120 Commercial St. Worcester: (508) 459-9090

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228-9278

RESTAURANT

1 Straight Wharf,

Nantucket; (508)

KATIE KELLY WINE DIRECTOR

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Restaurants in **GREEN** feature inexpensive wine pricing

For free access to complete information for all award winners, see WineSpectator.com

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

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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

9 DUNE RESTAURANT 20 Broad St., Nantucket; (508) 228-5550 **80 THOREAU**

80 Thoreau St., Concord; (978) 318-0008 FIFTY WATER RESTAURANT

& BAR 50 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 255-7109

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

THE GRAND CAFÉ Emerson Inn by the Sea, 1 Cathedral Ave., Rockport; (978) 546-6321

I PAZZI 50 Maple St., Danvers; (978) 777-1955

LANGUEDOC INN & BISTRO 24 Broad St., Nantucket; (508) 228-2552

MAX'S TAVERN The Basketball Hall of Fame, 1000 W. Columbus Blvd., Springfield; (413) 746-6299

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

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

ONE ELEVEN CHOP HOUSE 111 Shrewsbury St., Worcester; (508) 799-4111

ATHE PEARL 11 12 Federal St., Nantucket; (508) 228-9701 Wine director Angela Raynor Wine strengths France, California Wine selections 530 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Seafood Menu prices \$28-\$56-9

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

THE POINTE RESTAURANT Crowne Pointe Historic Inn & Spa, 82 Bradford St., Provincetown; (508) 487-2365

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

THE QUARRY RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

415 Whiting St., Hingham; (781) 340-7300 **ATHE RED LION INN** TT

The Red Lion Inn, 30 Main St., Stockbridge; (413) 298-5545 Wine director Daniel Thomas Wine strengths California, France Wine selections 525 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Contemporary regional Menu prices \$21-\$48 1 THE RED PHEASANT INN

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 SIENA 17 Steeple St., Mashpee Commons, Mashpee: (508) 477-5929 1369 Boston-Providence Highway, Norwood; (781) 255-8888

118 Highland St. Worcester: (508) 798-FISH

THE SOLE PROPRIETOR

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9 STARS Chatham Bars Inn, 297 Shore Road, Chatham; (508) 945-0096 9 STATE ROAD RESTAURANT 688 State Road, West Tisbury; (508) 693-8582 STREGA PRIME ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE 100 Sylvan Road, Woburn; (781) 933-3333 -Wine director Sean Conroy Wine strengths

California, Italy Wine selections 855 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine Steak house Menu prices \$18-\$54 TAVOLINO

274 Patriot Place, Foxborough: (508) 543-6543

TAVOLINO 33 E. Main St., Westborough; (508) 366-8600

TOMASSO TRATTORIA & ENOTECA The Crossings, 154 Turnpike Road, 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, Joshua MacLean Wine strengths California, Bordeaux, Burgundy Wine selections 1,450 Number of bottles 20,000 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Contemporary American Menu prices \$25-\$48 Grand Award since 1996

TOSCA 14 North St., Hingham; (781) 740-0080 VIA ITALIAN TABLE

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

WHEATLEIGH Wheatleigh Hotel, Hawthorne Road. Lenox; (413) 637-0610 Wine director Andrea Verardo Wine strengths France, California Wine selections 880 Wine prices Moderate Cuisine Contemporary



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French Menu prices Prix fixe \$125-\$165 ZEBRA'S BISTRO & WINE BAR

21 North St., Medfield: (508) 359-4100

MICHIGAN

ANDIAMO DEARBORN 21400 Michigan Ave., Dearborn; (313) 359-3300 ANDIAMO RISTORANTE

OF WARREN 7096 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren; (586) 268-3200

ANDIAMO RIVERFRONT 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit; (313) 567-6700

ANDIAMO ROYAL OAK 129 S. Main St., Royal Oak; (248) 582-9300 ANDIAMO TRATTORIA

7228 N. Main St., Clarkston; (248) 620-9300 **BELLA FORTUNA NORTH** 104 W. Main St., Lake Leelanau; (231)

905 Main St., Dennis; (508) 385-2133

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