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

Grand Award Winner
Grill 23 & Bar, Boston

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FIVE NEW GRAND AWARD WINNERS
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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

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 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.

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LA MER

Halekulani Hotel, 2199 Kalia Road, Honolulu, Oahu; (808) 923-2311 **Wine director** Kevin Toyama **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, Bordeaux **Wine selections** 830 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$40 **Cuisine** Regional **Menu prices** Prix fixe \$110-\$195

LAHAINA GRILL

127 Lahainaluna Road, Lahaina, Maui; (808) 667-5117 **Wine director** Richard Olson III **Wine strengths** California, France, Italy **Wine selections** 410 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** American/Seafood **Menu prices** Expensive



RICHARD OLSON III
WINE DIRECTOR

LONGHI'S LAHAINA

888 Front St., Lahaina, Maui; (808) 667-2288 **Wine director** Peter Longhi **Wine strengths** California, France, Italy **Wine selections** 420 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** Mediterranean/Seafood **Menu prices** Moderate

LONGHI'S WAILEA

3750 Wailea Alanui Drive B22, Wailea, Maui; (808) 891-8883 **Wine director** Michael Rose **Wine strengths** California, Italy, France **Wine selections** 490 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** Seafood **Menu prices** Moderate

MALA OCEAN TAVERN

1307 Front St., Lahaina, Maui; (808) 667-9394

MARIPOSA

Neiman Marcus, 1450 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Oahu; (808) 951-3420

MERRIMAN'S FISH HOUSE

2829 Ala Kalanikaumaka, Koloa, Kauai; (808) 742-8385

MERRIMAN'S KAPALUA

1 Bay Club Place, Lahaina, Maui; (808) 669-6400 **Wine director** Dave Horsman **Wine strengths** Burgundy, California, Italy **Wine selections** 690 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** American/Regional **Menu prices** Moderate

MERRIMAN'S RESTAURANT WAIMEA

Opelo Plaza, 65-1227 Opelo Road, Kamuela, Hawaii; (808) 885-6822

MORIMOTO MAUI

Andaz Maui at Wailea, 3550 Wailea Alanui Drive, Wailea, Maui; (808) 243-4766

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE

1450 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, Oahu; (808) 949-1300

NICK'S FISHMARKET

The Fairmont Kea Lani, 4100 Wailea Alanui Drive, Wailea, Maui; (808) 879-7224 **Wine director** Douglas Mossman **Wine strengths** California, Bordeaux **Wine selections** 520 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$40 **Cuisine** Seafood **Menu prices** Moderate

▶ NOE

Four Seasons Resort O'ahu at Ko Olina, 92-1001 Olani St., Kapolei, Oahu; (808) 679-0079 **Wine director** Yiannis Kokolakis **Wine strengths** California, France, Italy **Wine selections** 455 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** Expensive

PACIFIC'O

505 Front St., Lahaina, Maui; (808) 667-4341

PULEHU, AN ITALIAN GRILL

The Westin Ka'anapali Ocean Resort Villas, 6 Kai Ala Drive, Lahaina, Maui; (808) 662-2655

ROY'S KO OLINA

Ko Olina Resort, 92-1220 Aliinui Drive, Kapolei, Oahu; (808) 676-7697

SARENTO'S ON THE BEACH

2980 S. Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui; (808) 875-7555

SON'Z STEAKHOUSE

Hyatt Ka'anapali Beach, 200 Nohea Kai Drive, Kaanapali, Maui; (808) 667-4506

VINO

500 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 6F, Honolulu, Oahu; (808) 524-8466

WOLFGANG'S STEAKHOUSE BY WOLFGANG ZWIENER

Royal Hawaiian Center, 2301 Kalakaua Ave., Unit C301, Honolulu, Oahu; (808) 922-3600 **Wine director** Michael Ono **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, Italy **Wine selections** 510 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$50 **Cuisine** American/Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

IDAHO

BELLA AQUILA

775 S. Rivershore Lane, Eagle; (208) 938-1900

CANDLE IN THE WOODS

11805 E. Nunn Road, Athol; (208) 664-0135 **Wine strengths** California, Washington, Bordeaux, Port, Italy **Wine selections** 1,625 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** Small plates **Menu prices** Prix fixe \$139-\$189

CAPITOL CELLARS

110 S. Fifth St., Boise; (208) 344-9463



LOGAN SMYSER
WINE DIRECTOR

CHANDLERS STEAKHOUSE

981 W. Grove St., Boise; (208) 383-4300 **Wine director** Jeff Moore **Wine strengths** California, Washington, France, Italy **Wine selections** 745 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$20 **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Moderate



JEFF MOORE
WINE DIRECTOR

FORK RESTAURANT

199 N. Eighth St., Boise; (208) 287-1700



CAMERON LUMSDEN
OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

IL NASO

480 Washington Ave., Ketchum; (208) 726-7776

MAI THAI RESTAURANT AND BAR

750 W. Idaho St., Boise; (208) 344-8424

THE NARROWS

Shore Lodge, 501 W. Lake St., McCall; (208) 634-2244

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO

ACANTO

18 S. Michigan Ave.; (312) 578-0763 **Wine director** Jon McDaniel **Wine strengths** Italy **Wine selections** 520 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** Italian/Regional **Menu prices** Inexpensive

AVEC

615 W. Randolph St.; (312) 377-2002

▶ BEACON TAVERN

405 N. Wabash Ave.; (312) 955-4226

BENNY'S CHOP HOUSE

444 N. Wabash Ave.; (312) 626-2444 **Wine director** Mark Maruszak **Wine strengths** California, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Italy, Spain **Wine selections** 1,700 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive



MARK MARUSZAK
WINE DIRECTOR

BLACKBIRD

619 W. Randolph St.; (312) 715-0708

BOKA

1729 N. Halsted St.; (312) 337-6070

THE CAPITAL GRILLE

633 N. St. Clair St.; (312) 337-9400

CHERRY CIRCLE ROOM

Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan, Second Floor; (312) 792-3515 **Wine director** Andrew Algren **Wine strengths** Burgundy, California, Italy, Champagne, Germany **Wine selections** 1,175 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** American **Menu prices** Moderate

▲ CHICAGO CHOP HOUSE

60 W. Ontario St.; (312) 787-7100 **Wine director** Jean Vice **Wine strengths** California, France **Wine selections** 415 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

CITY WINERY CHICAGO

1200 W. Randolph St.; (312) 733-9463 **Wine director** Rebekah Mahru **Wine strengths** California, France, Italy, Oregon, Washington, Spain **Wine selections** 555 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** Mediterranean **Menu prices** Inexpensive



REBEKAH MAHRU
WINE DIRECTOR

COCO PAZZO

300 W. Hubbard St.; (312) 836-0900

▶ COCO PAZZO CAFE

212 E. Ohio St.; (312) 664-0212

▶ CODA DI VOLPE

3335 N. Southport Ave.; (773) 687-8568

DEL FRISCO'S DOUBLE EAGLE STEAK HOUSE

58 E. Oak St.; (312) 888-2499 **Wine director** Amy Lutchen **Wine strengths** California, Bordeaux, Italy, Burgundy, Spain, Rhône, Washington, Oregon, Australia **Wine selections** 1,650 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD

521 N. Rush St.; (312) 595-1114

▶ FIG & OLIVE CHICAGO

104 E. Oak St.; (312) 445-0060

FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR

25 E. Ohio St.; (312) 329-9463

THE FLORENTINE

JW Marriott Chicago, 151 W. Adams St.; (312) 660-8866



ALEXANDRIA SAROVICH
SOMMELIER

FOGO DE CHÃO

661 N. LaSalle Drive; (312) 932-9330

FRONTERA GRILL / TOPOLOBAMPO

445 N. Clark St.; (312) 661-1434

THE GAGE

24 S. Michigan Ave.; (312) 372-4243



JON MCDANIEL
WINE DIRECTOR

▶ GEJA'S CAFE

340 W. Armitage Ave.; (773) 281-9101

GIBSONS

1028 N. Rush St.; (312) 266-8999 **Wine director** Lawrence Kobesky **Wine strengths** California, France **Wine selections** 370 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$30 **Cuisine** American/Steak house **Menu prices** Moderate

GT FISH & OYSTER

531 N. Wells St.; (312) 929-3501

HUGO'S FROG BAR & FISH HOUSE

1024 N. Rush St.; (312) 640-0999

ITALIAN VILLAGE RESTAURANT

71 W. Monroe St.; (312) 332-7005 **Wine director** Jared Gelband **Wine strengths** Tuscany, Piedmont, Italy **Wine selections** 1,100 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** Moderate

JOE'S SEAFOOD, PRIME STEAK & STONE CRAB

60 E. Grand Ave.; (312) 379-5637 **Wine director** Kevin Bratt **Wine strengths** California, France **Wine selections** 420 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** Seafood/Steak house **Menu prices** Moderate



KEVIN BRATT
WINE DIRECTOR

KINZIE CHOPHOUSE

400 N. Wells St.; (312) 822-0191

LA CANTINA ENOTECA

71 W. Monroe St.; (312) 332-7005 **Wine director** Jared Gelband **Wine strengths** Tuscany, Piedmont, Italy **Wine selections** 1,150 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** Moderate

LES NOMADES

222 E. Ontario St.; (312) 649-9010 **Wine director** Nicholas Butera **Wine strengths** Burgundy, Bordeaux, California, Rhône, Champagne **Wine selections** 1,000 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$50 **Cuisine** French **Menu prices** Prix fixe \$130-\$185

▶ MAPLE & ASH

8 W. Maple St.; (312) 944-8888 **Sommeliers** Amy Mundwiler, Frankie Villar, Russell Sencer, Michael Loveisky **Wine strengths** France, California **Wine selections** 650 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$50 **Cuisine** American/Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

MASTRO'S STEAKHOUSE

520 N. Dearborn St.; (312) 521-5100 **Wine director** John Stasic **Wine strengths** California, France, Italy **Wine selections** 500 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE

1050 N. State St.; (312) 266-4820

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE

65 E. Wacker Place; (312) 201-0410 **Wine director** John Maraffa **Wine strengths** California, Italy, France **Wine selections** 750 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$29 **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** Expensive

NICO OSTERIA

Thompson Chicago, 1015 N. Rush St.; (312) 994-7100

OSTERIA LANGHE

2824 W. Armitage Ave.; (773) 661-1582

Grand Award

Best of Award of Excellence

Award of Excellence

New Winner

Upgrade

Restaurants in GREEN feature inexpensive wine pricing