



SHORE LODGE'S NARROWS STEAKHOUSE EARNS FIRST-EVER "BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE" DESIGNATION FROM WINE SPECTATOR'S 2018 RESTAURANT AWARDS

Newly Debuted Steakhouse Recognized as a Destination for Serious Wine Lovers, Showing a Deep Commitment to Wine, Both in the Cellar and Through Its Service Team

MCCALL, Idaho (July 9, 2018) — Shore Lodge, Idaho's premier lakefront resort, is proud to announce its signature restaurant, The Narrows Steakhouse, received a "**Best of Award of Excellence**" designation for its outstanding wine program from [Wine Spectator's](#) recently announced 2018 Restaurant Awards. The coveted accolade has only been given to two wine programs in the state of Idaho and 1,215 restaurants worldwide. The Restaurant Awards cover 3,759 winners in three categories across the globe, with "Best of Award of Excellence" recipients selected as those who offer more extensive selections with significant vintage depth and excellent breadth across multiple regions and/or significant vertical depth of top producers, along with superior presentation. These restaurants are considered destinations for serious wine lovers, showing a deep commitment to wine both in the cellar and service.

"Receiving such a prestigious award for a program that we have placed much time and effort in is both rewarding and outstanding," said Dan Scott, president and general manager of Shore Lodge and Whitetail Club. "We strive to deliver a memorable well-rounded steakhouse experience, and wine is a very important part of that promise. I applaud our resident sommelier Taylor Nissen and restaurant team for their dedication to excellence and to delivering the ability to enjoy a perfect sip with every bite."

This year marks the first time Shore Lodge has received the "Best of Award of Excellence" designation for its wine program following seven consecutive years as an "Award of Excellence" winner. The steakhouse's hard-to-achieve "Best of Award of Excellence" accolade distinguishes the restaurant's 5,000 bottles of wine with over 450 labels and lists the restaurant's California, Washington and France varieties as strengths in its review.

Wine Spectator's Restaurant Awards, established in 1981, recognize restaurants whose wine lists offer interesting selections, are appropriate to their cuisines and appeal to a wide range of wine lovers. To qualify for an award, a wine list must present complete information including producer names and vintages and appellations for all selections. The overall presentation of the list is also considered. Lists are then judged for one of three awards: Award of Excellence – typically offer at least 90 selections, Best of Award of Excellence – typically offer 350 or more selections, and Grand Award – typically feature 1,000 or more selections.

"This year's class of restaurants is one of the most impressive and innovative ever," said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, *Wine Spectator*. "Their wine lists keep improving, because wine lovers are eager to explore and learn. The goal of our Restaurant Awards is to support restaurant wine programs and bring them to diners' attention through our outreach through print, digital and social media. *Wine Spectator* salutes every restaurant honored in the 2018 Restaurant Awards."

The Narrows Steakhouse, designed to give every guest a warm and inviting place to enjoy dinner with breathtaking views, presents a stately atmosphere with lodge-inspired furnishings set in a modern way while preserving the sense of place. The traditional plaids and rich pecan leather seating add a

handsome touch to the restaurant, while tall wood-cladded walls and art wall add another layer of detail for the eye. The restaurant offers three different settings: the main dining room, which seats 46 people; a secluded wine room that seats up to 16 guests; and a mountain-modern wine cellar detailed with reclaimed wood and glass walls.

Fully rooted in an authentic Idaho setting, amidst the stunning backdrop of the Salmon River Mountains and Payette Lake, The Narrows Steakhouse marks a new culinary era for McCall, helping position Shore Lodge as the convivial epicenter of the town and as a multi-faceted destination for the curious traveler.

About Shore Lodge

[Shore Lodge](#) is an award-winning resort on the sandy shores of beautiful Payette Lake in McCall, Idaho – the heart of the region’s prized Salmon River Mountains. The iconic resort offers travelers a quintessential mountain retreat, 77 spacious accommodations, three new restaurants, inspiring indoor-outdoor meeting and event space, and a full-service spa, The Cove, with six treatment rooms and indoor/outdoor immersion pools. Shore Lodge guests also have exclusive access to the Andy North-designed Whitetail Club golf course, lauded among *Golfweek* magazine’s “Best Resort Courses,” and enjoy endless recreation. The property is situated on the edge of the largest area of protected wilderness in the continental United States, three major river systems and the best and most plentiful natural hot springs in the lower 48 states. The resort is also located just 10 minutes from Brundage Mountain, which *Ski Magazine* has credited with 'the best powder in Idaho' and provides lift-assisted access to more than 20 miles of mountain bike trails. Visit www.shorelodge.com, www.thecovemccall.com and www.whitetailclub.com for more information.

About Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator is the world’s leading authority on wine. Anchored by *Wine Spectator* magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web’s most comprehensive wine site (WineSpectator.com), mobile platforms and a series of signature events. Wine Spectator examines the world of wine from the vineyard to the table, exploring wine’s role in contemporary culture and delivering expert reviews of more than 16,000 wines each year. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes *Cigar Aficionado*, *Whisky Advocate*, *Market Watch*, *Shanken News Daily* and *Shanken’s Impact Newsletter*.

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