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WHERE TO DRINK WELL

3,759 RESTAURANTS
AROUND THE WORLD
WITH AWARD-WINNING
WINE LISTS

7 NEW
GRAND AWARD
WINNERS

WASHINGTON STATE:
TOP WINES, GREAT VALUES

PORTUGAL: EXCITING WHITES

TREASURY WINE ESTATES'
MICHAEL CLARKE

2018 GRAND AWARD WINNER
Restaurant Mosaic,
Chef Chantel Dartnall

AUG. 31, 2018

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The 2018 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 2018.

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

2,453 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

1,215 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

91 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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CALIFORNIA

NORTH/OTHER CITIES

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SEVEN SISTERS

Black Oak Casino Resort, 19400 Tuolumne Road N., Tuolumne; (209) 928-9363

SHALIZAAR RESTAURANT

300 El Camino Real, Belmont; (650) 596-9000 Wine director Reza Javid Wine strengths California, Bordeaux, Italy Wine selections 440 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$20 Cuisine Persian Menu prices Inexpensive



REZA JAVID WINE DIRECTOR

SIERRA MAR

Post Ranch Inn, Highway 1, Big Sur; (831) 667-2800 Wine director Marsella Charron Sommeliers Matthew Peterson, Rachel Vander Veer Wine strengths Burgundy, California, Rhône, Champagne, Italy, Bordeaux, Spain, Loire Wine selections 2,800 Number of bottles 15,000 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$45 Cuisine Regional Menu prices Expensive Grand Award since 2012

SINGLETHREAD FARMS

SingleThread Farm - Restaurant - Inn, 131 North St., Healdsburg; (707) 723-4646

Wine director Evan Hufford Wine strengths California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, France Wine selections 1,500 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$100 Cuisine Californian/Japanese Menu prices Pfix fixe \$225



EVAN HUFFORD WINE DIRECTOR

SIX PEAKS GRILLE

Resort at Squaw Creek, 400 Squaw Creek Road, Olympic Valley; (530) 581-6600

SOIF RESTAURANT & WINE MERCHANTS

105 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz; (831) 423-2020 Wine director Brett Tebo Wine strengths France, Italy, California Wine selections 515 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$20 Cuisine American Menu prices Inexpensive



BRETT TEBO WINE DIRECTOR

SOLBAR

Solage Calistoga, 755 Silverado Trail, Calistoga; (707) 226-0850



SCOTT TURNBULL WINE DIRECTOR

SPENCER'S FOR STEAKS & CHOPS

DoubleTree San Jose, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose; (408) 437-2170

100 Spinnaker Drive, Sausalito; (415) 332-1500

Pinecrest Lake Resort, 421 Pinecrest Lake Road, No. 3, Pinecrest; (209) 965-3117

31 University Ave., Los Gatos; (408) 395-2722

STILLWATER BAR & GRILL

The Lodge at Pebble Beach, 1700 17 Mile Drive, Pebble Beach; (831) 625-8524 Wine director Wendy Heilmann Wine strengths California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, Rhône, Italy Wine selections 1,300 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$35 Cuisine Californian/Seafood Menu prices Expensive

SUNDANCE THE STEAKHOUSE

1921 El Camino Real, Palo Alto; (650) 321-6798



GALEN FLETCHER OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

Sunnyside Resort, 1850 West Lake Blvd., Tahoe City; (530) 583-7200

THE SUR HOUSE

Ventana Big Sur, An Alila Resort, 48123 Highway 1, Big Sur; (831) 667-4242



THOMAS MCKAY WINE DIRECTOR

TASTE RESTAURANT 9402 Main St., Plymouth; (209) 245-3463



TRACEY BERKNER OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

TORC

1140 Main St., Napa; (707) 252-3292 Wine director Cynthia O'Toole Wine strengths France, California Wine selections 360 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$25 Cuisine American/Californian Menu prices Moderate



CYNTHIA O'TOOLE OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

TRELIO RESTAURANT

438 Clovis Ave., Clovis; (559) 297-0783 Wine director Christina Ferguson Wine strengths California, Burgundy, France Wine selections 600 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$20 Cuisine American/Regional Menu prices Moderate

1389 Lincoln Ave., San Jose; (408) 293-7574

UNCLE YU'S AT THE VINEYARD

39 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore; (925) 449-7000 Wine director Nicholas Liang Wine strengths California, Burgundy, France Wine selections 600 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$15 Cuisine Asian Menu prices Moderate

VA DE VI BISTRO & WINE BAR

1511 Mount Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek; (925) 979-0100

VALETTE

344 Center St., Healdsburg; (707) 473-0946

VERAISON

1457 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga; (707) 942-5938

THE VILLAGE BAKERY

3052 Woodside Road, Woodside; (650) 851-5555

THE VILLAGE PUB

2967 Woodside Road, Woodside; (650) 851-9888 Wine director Andrew Green Sommeliers Randy Nakagawa, Inderpal Singh, Justin Mueller Wine strengths Burgundy, California, Rhône, Bordeaux, Italy, Germany, Champagne, Austria, Madeira Wine selections 2,500 Number of bottles 16,500 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$50 Cuisine American/Farm to table Menu prices Moderate Grand Award since 2013

VIOGNIER

222 E. Fourth Ave., San Mateo; (650) 685-3727 Wine director Michael D. Ho Wine strengths California, Bordeaux, France, Italy Wine selections 810 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$25 Cuisine Californian/French Menu prices Pfix fixe \$79-\$134

VIVACE RISTORANTE

1910 Ralston Ave., Belmont; (650) 637-0611

WALNUT CREEK YACHT CLUB

1555 Bonanza St., Walnut Creek; (925) 944-FISH



ELLEN O'CONNELL MCCARTY OWNER & WINE DIRECTOR

THE WATERBOY

2000 Capitol Ave., Sacramento; (916) 498-9891

WEST SHORE CAFÉ & INN

5160 W. Lake Blvd., Homewood; (530) 525-5200

WILDWOOD KITCHEN & BAR

556 Pavilions Lane, Sacramento; (916) 922-2858

ZAZU KITCHEN + FARM

6770 McKinley Ave., Sebastopol; (707) 523-4814

ZOLA

565 Bryant St., Palo Alto; (650) 521-0651

CALIFORNIA

SOUTH/LOS ANGELES & VICINITY

AMICI BRENTWOOD

2538 San Vicente Blvd., Santa Monica; (310) 260-4900 Wine director Andrea Scuto Wine strengths Tuscany, Italy, California Wine selections 350 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$30 Cuisine Italian Menu prices Moderate

AROMA

30990 Russell Ranch Road, Westlake Village; (805) 405-5054

ARROYO CHOP HOUSE

536 S. Arroyo Parkway, Pasadena; (626) 577-7463 Wine strengths California Wine selections 465 Wine prices Moderate Corkage \$30 Cuisine Steak house Menu prices Expensive

AVEC NOUS

Viceroy L'Ermitage Beverly Hills, 9291 Burton Way, Beverly Hills; (310) 860-8660 Wine director Sean Van Straatum Wine strengths France, California Wine selections 490 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$35 Cuisine French Menu prices Moderate



SEAN VAN STRAATUM WINE DIRECTOR

RISEING STAR

AVEC NOUS

Avec Nous is a French bistro in Beverly Hills with a tropical feel and a 490-selection wine list. The restaurant's hospitality philosophy is inspired by its name, which translates to "with us."

THE BAZAAR BY JOSÉ ANDRÉS

SLS Beverly Hills, 465 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles; (310) 246-5555 Wine director Andy Myers Wine strengths Spain, France Wine selections 345 Wine prices Expensive Cuisine Spanish Menu prices Moderate

THE BELVEDERE

The Peninsula Beverly Hills, 9882 S. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills; (310) 975-2736 Wine director Conrad Reddick Wine strengths California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, France, Italy Wine selections 615 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$35 Cuisine American Menu prices Expensive

BO BEAU KITCHEN + ROOFTOP

144 Pine Ave., Long Beach; (562) 983-0056

BOA STEAKHOUSE SUNSET

9200 W. Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood; (310) 278-2050 Wine director Lance Reed Wine strengths California, France, Italy Wine selections 700 Wine prices Expensive Corkage \$25 Cuisine American/Steak house Menu prices Moderate



LANCE REED WINE DIRECTOR

THE BOTTLE INN HERMOSA

26 22nd St., Hermosa Beach; (310) 376-9595

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...AT THE MOUNTAIN

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