

WINE ENTHUSIAST AMERICA'S

BESTWINE RESTAURANTS 2018

Every year, the editors of *Wine Enthusiast* drink and dine their way around the country, seeking out the best and brightest wine-integrated eateries of the moment. Our selection isn't a ranking of wine lists, or even a comprehensive survey of every good wine restaurant in the U.S. Instead, it is a subjective culling of restaurants where wine is clearly loved in a way that jives with our own mission, and where, in our experiences, the wine, food, service and atmosphere are all exceptionally united. Cheers!

By the editors of Wine Enthusiast · Section Editor Nils Bernstein

Chef/Owner Amanda Cohen and Wine Director Lauren Friel of Dirt Candy in New York City





Restaurant Guy Savoy

Las Vegas

caesars.com/caesars-palace/ restaurants/guy-savoy

Bucking the "casual fine dining" trend, this is one of the country's most elevated dining experiences. The new wine director, Andrew Hurley, has been focusing on more eclectic pairings. as well as older vintage offerings. to accentuate the menu's sense of complex enlightenment.



RN74

Seattle

michaelmina.net/restaurants/seattle

The upshot of San Francisco's RN74 closing last year was that the Seattle location cherry-picked from that cellar, doubling the breadth and depth of its own. Verticals of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti and Domaine Dujac now join an ever-expanding selection of Washington and Oregon wines.



Rustic Canyon

Los Angeles

rusticcanyonrestaurant.com

After releasing his award-winning book. On Vegetables, just last year, Executive Chef Jeremy Fox's innovative cuisine has reached a wider audience than ever before. In the restaurant, Wine Director Kathryn Coker continues to champion smaller producers from around the globe, while sommelier and Naples native Ferdinando Mucerino has increased attention around wines from southern Italy.



Sardella

St. Louis

sardellastl.com

This modest Italian-driven spot inherited the cellar from its previous incarnation, Niche, so the wine list is brief but always changing—and always with "limited availability" gems. Daily wine promotions and frequent wine dinners add to the fun.



The Sardine Factory

Monterey, CA

sardinefactory.com

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, The Sardine Factory was the starting point for the Cannery Row area's revitalization. It continues to serve perfectly prepared seafood and a wine list that is one of the country's most extensive.



Scampi New York City

scampinyc.com

This restaurant features a two-part wine program: a snapshot of 100 bottles under \$100, and a 1,000-bottle Reserve list, thanks to Wine Director Kimberly Prokoshyn inheriting the cellar from her previous restaurant, the now-shuttered Rebelle. Rather than intimidating, the lively atmosphere and unpretentious Southern Italian cuisine makes it fun to explore.



Shagbark

Richmond, VA

shagbarkrva.com

Chef-Owner Walter Bundy's stellar food celebrates Virginia purveyors, just as Wine Director Rodney Rosser's list (which has doubled in the past year) highlights Virginia wines alongside classic and upcoming regions. Engaged staff and a large number of valuedriven bottles round out the package.



Spoon and Stable Minneapolis

spoonandstable.com

Chef-Owner Gavin Kaysen's Midwestern marriage of French technique and local ingredients continues to reign supreme. The wine program focuses on bottles from across the Northern Hemisphere, striving to highlight refined and compelling wines at an excellent value.



Stripsteak Waikiki

Waikiki, HI

stripsteakwaikiki.com

Bold, precise and locally influenced, this is an island variation on the steakhouse theme. You'll find classic reds to pair with the expert-cooked cuts, but boutique bottles, grower Champagne and simpler Hawaiian-sourced plates shake up steakhouse stereotypes.



Studio

Laguna Beach, CA

montagehotels.com/lagunabeach/ dining/studio

Thanks to an unparalleled oceanfront view coupled with a 2,500 bottlestrong wine list curated by Beverage Manager and Sommelier Troy Smith, Studio remains a year-round winelover's dining destination.



Supra

Washington, D.C.

supradc.com

The city's premier Georgian restaurant is also likely the country's first with an all-Georgian wine list. With over 50 labels, there's something for every taste, and staff are eager to discuss the country's winemaking traditions. Those in the know about the splendor of Georgian cuisine will appreciate the authentic and wide-ranging menu.



Taberna de Haro

Brookline, MA

tabernaboston.com

Authentic Spanish cuisine meets one of the country's largest Spanish wine lists at this perennial favorite. Owner-Chef-Wine Director Deborah Hansen's wine descriptions are always a breath of fresh air: "Teeming with the verve

of untamed red fruits and mountain herbs, the wine is both taut and curvy, like a belly dancer."

icons who have changed how and what we drink and eat.

The Wine Enthusiast

Restaurant Hall of Fame

After years of releasing our annual 100 Best Wine Restaurants

list, we decided it was finally time to debut a Hall of Fame to

designate the classic establishments that never disappoint

and always keep our glasses full. These restaurants have

appeared on our list four or more times and continue to

operate at the top of their game. Congratulations to these

A16 San Francisco

a16pizza.com

Auberge du Soleil

Rutherford, CA aubergedusoleil.aubergeresorts.com

The Barn at **Blackberry Farm**

Townsend, TN

blackberryfarm.com/wine-food/dinner/barn

Bern's Steak House

Tampa, FL

Blackbird

Chicago

blackbirdrestaurant.com

Blue Hill at Stone Barns

Pocantico Hills, NY

bluehillfarm.com/dine/stone-barns

Canlis

Seattle

canlis.com

The Catbird Seat

Nashville

thecathirdseatrestaurant.com

Commander's Palace

New Orleans

commanderspalace.com

Crabtree's Kittle House

Chappaqua, NY

kittlehouse.com

Craigie on Main

Cambridge, MA

Daniel

New York City

danielnyc.com

Deseo

Scottsdale, AZ

kierlandresort.com/#/dining/deseo/

Element 47 at The Little Nell

Aspen, CO

New York City

Washington

Five & Ten

fioladc.com

Athens, GA

fiveandten.com

Boulder, CO

Yountville, CA

FT33

ft33dallas.com

New York City

Seattle, WA

Madison, WI

letoile-restaurant.com

Le Bernardin

New York City

theherbfarm.com

gramercytavern.com

The Herbfarm

L'Etoile Restaurant

Dallas

thomaskeller.com/tf

frascafoodandwine.com

elevenmadisonpark.com

thelittlenell_com/dining/element-47

Fiola di Fabio Trabocchi

Frasca Food and Wine

The French Laundry

Gramercy Tavern

Eleven Madison Park Press St. Helena

St. Helena, CA

pressnapavalley.com

Manresa

Los Gatos, CA

Atlanta

Houston

Per Se

New York City

Portland, OR

portlandcitygrill.com

millerunion.com

manresarestaurant.com

The Pass & Provisions

Miller Union

passandprovisions.com

thomaskeller.com/perseny

Portland City Grill

Proof on Main

Louisville, KY

proofonmain.com

Quince

San Francisco

quincerestaurant.com

The Restaurant at

Meadowood

St. Helena, CA therestaurantatmeadowood.com

Restaurant Latour

Hamburg, NJ

crystalgolfresort.com/dine/latour/

Sage

Las Vegas

aria.com/en/restaurants/sage.html

Sepia

Chicago sepiachicago.com

Spiaggia

Chicago spiaggiarestaurant.com

Troquet on South

Woodberry Kitchen

Baltimore

woodberrykitchen.com

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