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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.

🍷🍷🍷 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.

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