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Some wines create buzz. Some simply sell without any effort: Guests don't bother to name-check those wines on their Instagram feed, or to confer with a sommelier before calling for a bottle.

Those are the wines that top the *W&S* Restaurant Top 50, the most popular wines in America's favorite restaurants.

For 30 years, we've asked wine directors to mine their sales data for the last quarter of the year and report on their top-selling bottles; we then count the number of mentions for each wine reported on their top-ten lists, as well as the rank; these 50 wines accrued the greatest number of mentions overall. The accompanying price is the average wine-list price for all the bottlings our respondents mentioned.

Many of these names have been perennial favorites over the 30 years we've been tracking wine trends: Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Jordan, Cakebread, Kistler, Sonoma-Cutrer, Duckhorn, Silver Oak, Antinori and Trefethen have been regulars since 1991. "Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and Jordan are comfortable, consistent steakhouse-style wines that are recognizable, and people

are willing to pay for them," says Brian Mitchell at Max Restaurant Group in Connecticut, calling out two of the top wines on the Restaurant Top 50. Wines from the the US still hold diners in thrall, making up 38.4 percent of the Most Popular bottlings.

There are some wines on the Top 50, however, that we would have never imagined making the list 30 years ago. Lopéz de Heredia's ultra-traditional Rioja, for example, which shot to the #1 position last year, and remains at the top of the list. Or Lucien Crochet, rising into the top ten, thanks to diner's thirst for Sancerre.

There's no doubt that the wine world is far bigger than it was 30 years ago. Respondents' lists of Most Popular wines include ever more obscure regions, as well as more esoteric varieties—143 in all this year, compared to 71 in 2005. As Catherine Morel reports from *71Above* in LA, people used to ask her to "suggest a red. Now they'll say, 'Oh, I know I like this and this. Can you recommend something like that?' People are definitely willing to try off-the-beaten path wines, especially the younger crowd, which is fun because some of the weirder wines are the inexpensive wines on the list."

Some of them, like Ameztoui Txacoli and Alpha Estate Xinomavro, are making it into the Top 50.

WINE LIST TOP 50

THE MOST POPULAR WINES IN AMERICA'S TOP RESTAURANTS

- 1 STAG'S LEAP WINE CELLARS, \$120
- 2 JORDAN VINEYARD & WINERY, \$112
- 2 R. LOPEZ DE HEREDIA, \$82
- 4 ROMBAUER VINEYARDS, \$86
- 5 CAKEBREAD CELLARS, \$96
- 5 KISTLER VINEYARDS, \$150
- 7 FAUST WINES, \$120
- 8 SONOMA-CUTRER VINEYARDS, \$51
- 9 LUCIEN CROCHET, \$84
- 10 DUCKHORN VINEYARDS, \$106
- 10 SILVER OAK WINE CELLARS, \$141
- 12 CAYMUS VINEYARDS, \$150
- 13 FRANK FAMILY VINEYARDS, \$99
- 14 G.D. VAJRA, \$65
- 15 FAILLA, \$84
- 16 HIRSCH VINEYARDS, \$125
- 16 VEUVE CLICQUOT, \$128
- 18 HEITZ CELLAR, \$118
- 19 MOUNT VEEDER WINERY, \$91
- 20 DECOY, \$83
- 21 ROBERT SINSEY VINEYARDS, \$93
- 21 VIETTI, \$59
- 23 LA RIOJA ALTA, S.A., \$71
- 24 JUSTIN VINEYARDS & WINERY, \$74
- 25 CRISTOM VINEYARDS, \$73
- 26 FLOWERS VINEYARDS & WINERY, \$103
- 27 PIERRE-YVES COLIN-MOREY, \$82
- 28 DOMAINE VACHERON, \$93
- 29 MARCHESI ANTINORI, \$104
- 30 JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE SELECTION, \$74
- 31 FERRARI-CARANO WINERY, \$64
- 32 BAILLY-REVERDY, \$83
- 33 CHATEAU MONTELENA, \$105
- 34 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO, \$78
- 35 ALPHA ESTATE, \$62
- 35 J. LOHR, \$44
- 37 TURLEY, \$76
- 38 BOW & ARROW, \$58
- 38 THE PRISONER WINE COMPANY, \$91
- 40 RIDGE VINEYARDS, \$83
- 41 BILLECART-SALMON, \$168
- 41 LITTORAI, \$121
- 43 AMEZTOI, \$50
- 44 CLOUDY BAY, \$68
- 45 MASSICAN, \$69
- 46 PATRICIA GREEN CELLARS, \$76
- 47 MERRY EDWARDS WINERY, \$117
- 48 CHAPPELLET, \$81
- 48 DIVISION WINE CO., \$63
- 50 CASANUOVA DELLE CERBAIE, \$117
- 50 HALL, \$98
- 50 TREFETHEN FAMILY VINEYARDS, \$74

CHARDONNAY

When our poll debuted in 1989, chardonnay was queen, accounting for 44 percent of mentions on respondents' lists of best-selling wines. Today, chardonnay holds third place, with 8.9 percent of those mentions.

When diners seek out chardonnay, they largely opt for American, which outpaced French nearly two to one. Rombauer rose to first place this year, followed by perennial leaders Sonoma-Cutrer, Kistler and Cakebread. Meanwhile, Old World bottlings are making headway: This year, the Bourgogne Blanc from Pierre Yves Colin-Morey surged into fifth place, followed directly by Moreau-Naudet Chablis. Adele Corrigan, at *13 Celsius* in Houston has been educating young diners who thought chardonnay was what their grandmothers drink, using Camille Giroud's Chassagne 1er Cru in a class. "They were completely blown away," says Corrigan. "They came and bought it off the list. Now, we have people coming in asking for 'real' chardonnay."

MOST POPULAR CHARDONNAYS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|-------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | Rombauer Vineyards | Carneros | \$86 |
| 2 | Sonoma-Cutrer | Sonoma Coast Sonoma Coast Russian River Ranches | \$54 \$47 |
| 3 | Kistler | Sonoma Coast Les Noisetiers | \$142 |
| 4 | Cakebread Cellars | Napa Valley Carneros Napa Reserve | \$87 \$85 |
| 5 | Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey | Bourgogne | \$86 |
| 6 | Domaine Moreau-Naudet | Chablis Chablis 1er Cru Forêts | \$80 \$140 |
| 7 | J. Lohr | Paso Robles Seven Oaks Arroyo Seco Arroyo Vista | \$33 \$56 |
| | Frank Family | Napa Valley | \$68 |
| 9 | Jordan | Russian River Valley | \$76 |
| 10 | Domaine Louis Michel | Chablis Chablis 1er Cru Montée de Tonnerre | \$55 \$92 |
| 11 | Daniel Dampit | Chablis | \$67 |
| 12 | Kongsgaard | Napa Valley | \$187 |
| | Cuvaison | Carneros Napa | \$37 |
| | Decoy | Sonoma County | \$65 |
| 13 | Domaine Bernard Defaix | Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Lechet | \$78 |
| | Maison Louis Jadot | Meursault-Genévrières Pouilly-Fuissé | \$135 \$68 |
| 17 | Maison Joseph Drouhin | Chassagne-Montrachet | \$155 |



RAJ VAIDYA
Daniel
NYC

People still respond to Chablis in the same way. I scrunched the Chablis list down to two pages from three, because it's getting a little harder to find old wines. Since we've been dealing with limited quantities in 2015 and '16, and even '17 is not gigantic, I couldn't buy 100 cases like I have in the past. It's a matter of supply.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

"I go through six cases of Sancerre a week by the glass—it's insane; it's a monster. Guests see it on the glass menu and say, 'I want a bottle of this.' One turns into four bottles, and it's just a group of ladies eating pita bread with yogurt and roasted tomatoes," says Dean Forst of *Michael's Genuine* in Miami. Among grassy, grapefruit-forward sauvignon blancs, the dominance of dry, mineral-driven Sancerre is undeniable. As for New Zealand's examples, Brad Wermager at *Wildfire* in Chicago says, "When people see 'New Zealand,' they don't care if it's Crawford or Geisen. They gravitate to it because they know the profile and like it."

MOST POPULAR SAUVIGNON BLANCS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|-------------------|--|---------------|
| 1 | Lucien Crochet | Sancerre Sancerre La Croix du Roy | \$74 \$75 |
| 2 | Massican | Napa Valley | \$73 |
| 3 | Bailly-Reverdy | Sancerre Chavignol | \$83 |
| 4 | Domaine Vacheron | Sancerre | \$89 |
| 5 | Alphonse Mellot | Sancerre La Moussière | \$76 |
| | Spy Valley | Marlborough | \$41 |
| 7 | Pascal Jolivet | Sancerre | \$60 |
| 8 | Cloudy Bay | Marlborough | \$64 |
| 9 | Kim Crawford | Marlborough | \$38 |
| 10 | Cakebread Cellars | Napa Valley | \$76 |
| | Domaine Auchere | Sancerre | \$46 |
| 11 | Gerard Boulay | Sancerre Chavignol Sancerre Clos de Beaujeu | \$85 \$110 |



JASON PARK
Untitled
NYC

The top two things people ask for when they sit down and before they open the list: Sancerre or cabernet.

PINOT NOIR

Pinot continues to fascinate the wine-loving, restaurant-going public. Coming in at a strong second place in the Most Popular Varieties part of our poll, pinot has 13.8 percent of respondents' top-selling wines, just 1.5 percent less than cabernet and nearly five percentage points higher than chardonnay.

If pinot overall remains strong, it's domestic examples that are driving interest. While California's Sonoma Coast earned three of the top five places on our list of the Most Popular Pinot Noirs, the Willamette Valley earned the most mentions overall, netting the highest share of points for any pinot-producing region in the poll.

Gramercy Tavern's Chris Raftery in NYC says he's not only seeing more people come in and ask for Willamette Valley pinots, but also asking about the difference between the AVAs within Willamette. Perhaps that's due in part to the fact that the Willamette has its own identity in terms of flavor and structure, he says. "People's palates are getting educated; they can tell the difference between bright red fruit of Sonoma Coast and darker spicy fruit of Willamette," he says.

Plus, there's the value aspect. "If someone wants to come out and drink Burgundy, you're warming up at \$125," says Matt Crawford, of Houston's *State of Grace*. "But if someone wants to come out and drink delicious pinot with an Old World essence, you can go Willamette and stay under \$100 and get great value."

MOST POPULAR PINOT NOIRS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|-------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Failla | Sonoma Coast Sonoma Coast Acquerello | \$81 \$77 |
| 2 | Hirsch Vineyards | Sonoma Coast San Andreas Sonoma Coast Bohan Dillon | \$128 \$120 |
| 3 | Cristom | Willamette Valley Mt. Jefferson Cuvée Eola-Amity Hills | \$75 \$99 |
| 4 | Patricia Green Cellars | Willamette Valley Reserve | \$68 |
| 5 | Flowers | Sonoma Coast | \$102 |
| 6 | Merry Edwards | Russian River Valley | \$126 |
| 7 | Adelsheim Vineyard | Willamette Valley | \$59 |
| 8 | Bethel Heights Vineyard | Eola-Amity Hills Estate | \$80 |
| 9 | Sea Smoke | Sta. Rita Hills Southing Sta. Rita Hills Ten | \$140 \$230 |
| 10 | Littorai | Sonoma Coast Anderson Valley Les Larmes | \$117 \$127 |
| 11 | Au Bon Climat | Santa Barbara | \$63 |
| 12 | Emeritus | Russian River Valley Halberg Ranch | \$89 |
| 13 | MacMurray Ranch | Russian River Valley Sonoma Coast | \$53 \$49 |
| 14 | J. Christopher | Dundee Hills Volcanique Willamette Valley Cuvée Nostrana Willamette Valley | \$75 \$55 \$74 |
| 15 | Domaine Serene | Willamette Valley Yamhill Cuvée Willamette Valley Evenstad Reserve | \$563 \$162 |

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| 16 | Elk Cove | Willamette Valley | \$66 |
| 17 | Montinore Vineyards | Willamette Valley Willamette Valley Reserve | \$53 \$65 |
| 18 | Domaine Taupenot-Merme | St-Romain | \$98 |
| 19 | Bergstrom | Willamette Valley | \$95 |
| 20 | Rex Hill Vineyards | Willamette Valley | \$52 |
| 21 | Robert Sinskey Vineyards | Carneros | \$94 |
| 22 | Belle Glos | Santa Maria Valley Clark & Telephone | \$94 |
| | Erath | Oregon | \$41 |
| | Argyle | Willamette Valley Willamette Valley Reserve | \$70 \$56 |
| 24 | Lingua Franca | Eola-Amity Hills Avni | \$78 |
| | St. Innocent | Willamette Valley Villages Cuvée Willamette Valley Freedom Hill | \$56 \$78 |
| 27 | Peay | Sonoma Coast Scallop Shelf Sonoma Coast | \$170 \$88 |
| | Eyrie Vineyards | Willamette Valley Sisters Dundee Hills | \$115 \$80 |
| 28 | Teutonic Wine Co. | Willamette Valley Bellpine Chehalem Mountains Bergspitze Laurel Vineyard | \$75 \$60 |
| | Domaine Vincent Girardin | Bourgogne Bourgogne Cuvée St-Vincent | \$70 \$68 |
| 30 | Meiomi | California | \$51 |
| | Longplay | Chehalem Mountains Lia's Vineyard | \$69 |
| 32 | Saintsbury | North Coast Vivette Carneros | \$12 \$80 |
| | Bow & Arrow | Willamette Valley Vitae Springs | \$74 |
| 34 | Elouan | Oregon | \$52 |
| | Cambria Vineyard | Santa Maria Valley Bench Break Vineyard | \$60 |
| 36 | Lignier-Michelot | Morey-St-Denis Bourgogne | \$200 \$70 |



ERIN RYAN WHITE
August
NEW ORLEANS

I have my wine list set up so that it goes from Burgundy, into Oregon, and then into California. I tell guests that's intentional—drier French into Oregon, and then California—fruity, not as dry as French. Oregon is a sweet spot. There's more fruit. To get that from Burgundy, you have to spend \$185 on our wine list—for a Nuit-St-Georges.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet sauvignon still serves as the engine of wine sales for the country, leading in the varietal sweepstakes, beating out pinot noir this year for the pole position: More than 15 percent of all bottles on the table were cabernets or cab-based blends. Needless to say, they also represent the most expensive offerings on any given list. Two of the top brands in this year's Top 50, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and Jordan, are both cabernet houses; six of the top 12 brands, and ten of the top 20, are brands with strong cabernet programs.

Steakhouses, now a fixture on the dining landscape, clearly lead in this trend, and the trend is California, Napa in particular. "Napa cabernet has developed a spot in the consumer's brain to where it is the perfect pairing with steak," says Bill Elsey of *Pappas Bros.*, in Houston. "It's the number one place that people associate with California wine."

But there seems to be more stylistic latitude within the category, as Maxwell Eyrise, at *Five O'Clock Steakhouse* in Milwaukee, observes. "I've noticed a lot more people asking for cabernet sauvignon with more elegance and structure, moving away from wines that are just super fruit-forward, and moving towards cabernets with some spice and a peppery bite."



CHRIS RAFTERY
Gramercy Tavern
NYC

Frog's Leap is like Kistler or Littorai: If you appreciate the Old World or the New World style of wine you can appreciate Frog's Leap. We see people asking for that, cold calling, not even opening the list. Shafer gets a lot of cold calls without opening the book. Guests will order One Point Five or Hillside Select; it moves surprisingly quickly. The One Point Five is on our list for \$275 but the Hillside Select—we go through a fair amount of it and that's on the list for \$845.

MOST POPULAR CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Stag's Leap Wine Cellars | Napa Valley Artemis | \$122 |
| 2 | Faust | Napa Valley | \$122 |
| 3 | Jordan | Alexander Valley | \$123 |
| 4 | Silver Oak Wine Cellars | Alexander Valley | \$143 |
| 5 | Caymus Vineyards | Napa Valley | \$164 |
| 6 | Justin | Paso Robles | \$63 |
| 7 | Mt. Veeder Winery | Napa Valley | \$91 |
| 8 | Heitz Wine Cellars | Napa Valley | \$126 |
| 9 | Frank Family | Napa Valley | \$115 |
| 10 | Chateau Montelena | Napa Valley | \$104 |
| 11 | Hall | Napa Valley | \$98 |
| 12 | Duckhorn Vineyards | Napa Valley | \$89 |
| 13 | Shafer Vineyards | Stags Leap District One Point Five | \$184 |
| 14 | Katherine Goldschmidt | Alexander Valley | \$62 |
| 15 | Cain Cellars | Napa Valley Cain Cuvée | \$74 |
| | Chappellet | Napa Valley Mountain Cuvée | \$83 |
| 17 | Obsidian Ridge | Red Hills Lake County | \$61 |
| 18 | Beringer Vineyards | Knights Valley | \$58 |
| | Decoy | Sonoma County | \$55 |

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| 20 | Woodward Canyon | Columbia Valley | \$100 |
| | | Columbia Valley Artist's Series | \$125 |
| | | Columbia Valley Nelms Road | \$49 |
| 21 | Snowden | Napa Valley The Ranch | \$109 |
| 22 | Buena Vista Winery | Napa Valley | \$88 |
| | | Napa Valley Chateau Buena Vista | \$68 |
| 23 | Turnbull | Napa Valley | \$80 |
| | | Oakville Estate | \$110 |
| | Amavi | Walla Walla Valley | \$60 |
| 24 | Ferrari-Carano Winery | Alexander Valley | \$81 |
| | | Odetta | Napa Valley Adaptation Stags Leap District |
| 27 | Gramercy Cellars | Columbia Valley | \$112 |
| | | Columbia Valley Lower East | \$72 |
| | | Joel Gott | Napa Valley Napa Valley Blend No. 815 |
| | Opus One | Napa Valley Overture | \$243 |
| | Santa Carolina | Maipo Valley Reserva | \$32 |
| 31 | J. Lohr | Paso Robles Seven Oaks | \$37 |
| | | Paso Robles Hilltop | \$62 |
| | Pine Ridge Winery | Napa Valley | \$73 |
| 33 | Groth Vineyards | Oakville | \$139 |
| | | Napa Valley | \$112 |
| 36 | Robert Mondavi Winery | Napa Valley | \$69 |
| | | Stags' Leap Winery | Napa Valley |
| | Cakebread Cellars | Napa Valley | \$155 |
| 36 | Honig | Napa Valley | \$83 |
| | | Trefethen Vineyards | Oak Knoll District Napa Valley |



JAMES CONLEY
Keen's
Chophouse
NYC

Napa cabernet really has a hold on people. We have had enormous success with the Raymond Reserve. It's a standard go-to for our clientele, and it was great to be able to carry a Napa cab at \$60 a bottle. We've also had a lot of success with Trefethen Vineyards Napa Valley Double T, which we keep under \$40 on the list. That you can have a Napa cab in a steakhouse in Midtown for that price in 2019 is sort of extraordinary. A lot of times it's out-of-town guests, or people who are very young, just starting to get into wine who buy it. It's got the broad contours of what a Napa cab is today.

RHONE RED BLENDS

Rhône reds continue to play a major role in red-wine sales: With syrah, grenache and Rhône red blends, the total reaches a 5.1 percent share of the most popular wines. The top mentions this year were all from France's Rhône and Provence (save for one newcomer, Commando G, from Spain's Vinos de Madrid); Jean-Louis Chave's entry-level Rhônes lead the pack. "People know Côtes du Rhône or Châteauneuf-du-Pape," says Nikki Ledbetter at *Upland* in NYC, "but they don't always think about the wines until you mention them; then it's like, 'Oh yeah! I forgot about the Rhône.'"

MOST POPULAR RHONE RED BLENDS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | JL Chave Selection | St-Joseph Offerus Côtes du Rhône Mon Coeur | \$83 \$55 |
| 2 | Comando G | Vinos de Madrid La Bruja de Rozas Garnacha | \$61 |
| 3 | Franck Balthazar | Côtes du Rhône | \$62 |
| 4 | Domaine Fauray | St-Joseph | \$68 |
| 5 | Château Pradeaux | Bandol | \$80 |
| 6 | Domaine Léon Barral | Faugères | \$111 |



EDUARDO PORTO-CARREIRO
Ford Fry Group
ATLANTA

We have a Northern Rhône page and a Southern Rhône page—we want to show guests that we have the same reverence for Rhône as we do Bordeaux. And it's so easy to stock those pages with tremendous values.

MERLOT

"Interestingly, I've noticed a drastic increase in my merlot sales," says Catherine Morel at *71Above* in downtown LA. She's not the only one. While its share of the big varietal pie is small, hovering around two percent, merlot still has its adherents. "What people like is that it's softer," says Scott Woltz at *Babbo* in NYC. "It's what they really want, even if they don't think they do; merlot fits."



BRAD WERMAGER
Wildfire
CHICAGO

Before malbec became popular, people loved merlot for its silky, velvety texture. But I think merlot is seeing a resurgence now—I see a lot of sommeliers and wine people really getting into merlot now.

MOST POPULAR MERLOTS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Duckhorn Vineyards | Napa Valley Napa Valley Estate | \$107 \$85 |

ZINFANDEL

There remains a small but fervent cohort of zinfandel drinkers in the nation's restaurants. Part of the draw stems from brand recognition—the top three, Turley, Ridge and Rafanelli are all perennial favorites. Part of it is knowing zin's role in red blends. But people love what zinfandel brings to the table, too. "I love California zin with our cuisine—that dried fruit and that spice; I love how genuine they are," says Charlotte Randolph at *Californios* in San Francisco.



MATT CRAWFORD
State of Grace
HOUSTON, TX

Old-vine zin from Turley, that's badass! We've had the Canard single vineyard and it's delicious, spicy, brambly, fruity. I also try to carry at least one of the Ridge properties at all times.

MOST POPULAR ZINFANDELS

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Turley | Napa Valley Old Vine | \$83 |
| 2 | Ridge Vineyards | Dry Creek Valley Lytton Springs | \$85 |
| 3 | A. Rafanelli | Dry Creek Valley | \$78 |

FRENCH WINES

French wines make up almost one-quarter of the most popular wines on our respondents lists, seven points ahead of Italy and nearly 16 ahead of Spain, the next two most popular sources of imported wines.

Sancerre is one main driver: Loire wine sales make up 27 percent of the most popular French wines. Some sommeliers, concerned that Sancerre will “cannibalize” the rest of their wine sales, are actively directing guests away from the region, and toward other crisp whites. “We can pivot people asking for sauvignon blanc to Chablis; it’s a little less ubiquitous and it’s refreshing,” says Chris Raftery at *Gramercy Tavern* in NYC.

Burgundy is, in fact, not far behind the Loire, at 22.3 percent of French wines in the poll. “If you’re new to the wine world,” says Jin Ahn at *Noreetuh* in NYC, “the prices make Burgundy untouchable.” So, rather than the exalted villages of the Côte d’Or, diners are exploring lesser-known areas, or straight-ahead Bourgogne Blanc, like the bottling from Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey. Or Beaujolais: “an up-and-coming wine region that has a great sense of place,” says Andrew Newlin at *Raoul’s* in NYC.

Champagne, Rhône and Bordeaux all hover around 11 to 12 percent of the Most Popular French bottlings, also appearing in the Sparkling, Rhone Red Blend, and Cabernet lists.



ANDREW NEWLIN
Raoul’s
NYC

We’re in the Beaujolais trend right now; that replaced the Jura. You feel like you’re drinking Burgundy and it’s accessible and cheaper. The staff is really into that kind of thing; *they* are drinking it.

MOST POPULAR FRENCH WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Lucien Crochet | Sancerre | \$74 |
| | | Sancerre La Croix du Roy | \$75 |
| 2 | Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey | Bourgogne Blanc | \$86 |
| 3 | Domaine Vacheron | Sancerre | \$89 |
| 4 | Bailly-Reverdy | Sancerre Chavignol | \$83 |
| 5 | JL Chave Selection | St-Joseph Offerus | \$83 |
| | | Côtes du Rhône Mon Coeur | \$55 |
| 6 | Alphonse Mellot | Sancerre La Moussière | \$76 |
| 7 | Domaine Moreau-Naudet | Chablis | \$80 |
| 8 | Maison Joseph Drouhin | Chambolle-Musigny | \$195 |
| | | Chablis 1er Cru | \$95 |
| | | Chassagne-Montrachet | \$155 |
| | Pascal Jolivet | Sancerre | \$60 |
| 10 | Marcel Lapierre | Morgon | \$54 |
| 11 | Domaine Vincent Girardin | Chassagne-Montrachet | \$130 |
| | | Bourgogne | \$70 |
| | | Bourgogne Cuvée St-Laurent | \$68 |
| 12 | Domaine Taupenot-Merme | St-Romain | \$98 |
| 13 | Domaine Louis Michel | Chablis | \$55 |
| 14 | Bernard Baudry | Chinon Les Granges | \$47 |
| | | Chinon | \$46 |
| 15 | Château Brane-Cantenac | Margaux Baron de Brane | \$100 |
| | | Margaux Margaux de Brane | \$52 |
| 16 | Franck Balthazar | Côtes du Rhône | \$62 |

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|----|------------------------|---|---|
| | Daniel Dampit | Chablis | \$67 |
| 17 | Domaine Faury | St-Joseph | \$68 |
| | | Domaine de la Taille aux Loups | Montlouis-sur-Loire Clos de Mosney Montlouis-sur-Loire Remus |
| 20 | Clos Cibonne | Côtes de Provence Cru Classé | \$65 |
| | Château Pradeaux | Bandol | \$80 |
| 21 | Domaine de Triennes | Provence Rosé | \$42 |
| | Laurent Saillard | Vin de France Lucky You | \$59 |
| | | Vin de France La Pause | \$60 |
| | Château de Brézé | Crémant de Loire Brut Rosé | \$36 |
| | | Saumur Clos du Midi | \$44 |
| | Domaine Auchere | Sancerre | \$46 |
| 24 | Domaine Bernard Defaix | Chablis 1er Cru Côte de Léchet | \$78 |
| | | Domaine Léon Barral | Faugères |
| | Gérard Boulay | Sancerre Chavignol | \$85 |
| | | Sancerre Clos de Beaujeu | \$110 |
| | Maison Louis Jadot | Meursault-Genévrières | \$135 |
| | | Pouilly-Fuissé | \$68 |
| | Château Meyney | St-Estèphe Cru Bourgeois | \$135 |
| | | St-Estèphe Chapelle de Meyney | \$120 |
| 30 | Thierry Germain | Saumur-Champigny Domaine des Roches Neuves Les Roches | \$60 |
| | | Saumur-Champigny Domaine des Roches Neuves | \$48 |
| | | Château Tour Pibran | Pauillac |

ITALIAN WINES

Although Italy still trails France in this year's poll results, the gap closed by a few percentage points. Tuscany and Piedmont are almost evenly split in representation on the Most Popular wines list. In Piedmont, Barolo and Barbaresco dominate, even as sommeliers continue to reach for more affordable expressions of nebbiolo from Langhe and Gattinara. And it's a barbera from G.D. Vajra that tops both the most popular bottles and glass pours. Tuscany's strength this year lies not in Super Tuscan blends, which have slipped down the list, but in wines based on sangiovese, with Brunello leading the way, followed by Chianti Classico. A notable trend is the prominent position of wines from previously obscure native varieties, like timorasso from Vigneti Massa (number 8), and pelaverga from Burlotto (number 9) and Castello di Verduno (number 26).



EVAN CLAGNAZ
Del Posto
NYC

Believe it or not, we sometimes have people who say, 'I want to drink timorasso tonight.'

MOST POPULAR ITALIAN WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|---------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 | G.D. Vajra | Barbera d'Alba Superiore Langhe Nebbiolo | \$84 \$63 |
| 2 | Marchesi Antinori | Toscana Villa Antinori Rosso Brunello di Montalcino Pian della Vigne | \$55 \$130 |
| 3 | Vietti | Roero Arneis | \$54 |
| 4 | Produttori del Barbaresco | Barbaresco | \$87 |
| 5 | Casanuova delle Cerbaie | Brunello di Montalcino | \$117 |
| 6 | Felsina | Chianti Classico Riserva Chianti Classico Berardenga | \$55 \$48 |
| 7 | Fratelli Alessandria | Barolo | \$107 |
| 8 | Vigneti Massa | Colli Tortonesi Derthona Colli Tortonesi Monleale | \$48 \$64 |
| 9 | Burlotto | Verduno Pelaverga Langhe Nebbiolo | \$45 \$62 |
| | Paolo Scavino | Vino da Tavola Vino Rosso Barolo | \$50 \$74 |
| 11 | Oddero | Barolo | \$104 |
| 12 | Uccelliera | Brunello di Montalcino Voliero Brunello di Montalcino | \$110 \$117 |
| 13 | Pieropan | Soave Classico Calvarino Soave Classico | \$75 \$42 |
| 14 | Bastianich | Friuli Orsone Friuli Vespa Rosso | \$50 \$69 |
| 15 | Fattoria la Valentina | Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Spelt | \$48 |
| 16 | Tenuta Sette Cieli | Toscana Indaco Toscana Yantra | \$150 \$90 |
| 17 | Zaccagnini | Montepulciano d'Abruzzo | \$35 |
| | Elisabetta Foradori | Trentino Teroldego Rotaliano | \$56 |
| 18 | La Gerla | Brunello di Montalcino Toscana Poggio gli Angeli | \$70 \$56 |
| | Tenuta Sette Ponti | Toscana Crognolo Toscana Oreno | \$68 \$138 |
| | Antonolo | Gattinara Osso San Grato Gattinara | \$130 \$59 |
| 21 | Roagna | Langhe Nebbiolo | \$90 |
| | San Felice | Chianti Classico | \$50 |
| | Frescobaldi | Toscana Luce Lucente Rosso Toscana Castello di Pomino Benefizio | \$65 \$44 |
| 24 | Montepeloso | Toscana A Quo | \$52 |
| | Angelo Gaja | Brunello di Montalcino Pieve Santa Restituta Langhe Gaia & Rey Chardonnay | \$140 \$750 |
| 26 | Castello di Verduno | Verduno Basadone Pelaverga Langhe Nebbiolo | \$52 \$55 |
| | Sartori | Veneto Pinot Noir Valpolicella | \$40 \$36 |
| 29 | Ruffino | Chianti Classico Riserva Ducale Tan Toscana Modus | \$66 \$60 |

EASTERN EUROPEAN WINES

The rising interest in "natural" and skin-contact wines has made Georgian wines favorites at natural-wine bars like *Ops* in Brooklyn. Jonathan Nelms, at *Supra*, a Georgian restaurant in Washington, DC, also points to their flexibility with food. "Ambers and reds go with anything," he says.

Georgia, now ranked 11th in our poll results, isn't the only Eastern European country to make inroads in wine lists: Hungary, Bosnia, the Czech Republic and Macedonia all show up multiple times on our respondent's lists of top-selling wines.



CYNTHIA GOTDEAU
Le Farfalle
CHARLESTON, SC

I started with the Kobal Furmint [from Slovenia]; we went through that so well—people loved it. And I just put on The Oddity [a furmint from Hungary]. It's totally different than the Slovenian version. You could put it next to a chenin, a Vouvray or even an off-dry riesling to help put it in context for people.

MOST POPULAR EASTERN EUROPEAN WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| 1 | Podrumi Manastira Tvrdoš | Bosnia-Herzegovina Vranac | \$69 |
| | Orgo | Kakheti Saperavi Kakheti Rkatsiteli | \$64 \$52 |
| 2 | Pheasant's Tears | Kakheti Shavkapito Kakheti Rkatsiteli | \$45 \$48 |

SPAIN

“Spain is having its moment. Our list is heavily French and Italian, but the wines from Spain offer quality exceeding their price point,” says Dan Bjugstad at NYC’s *Pasquale Jones*. Spain’s moment is apparent in our poll results, where it jumped from 6.9 to 8.8 percent of the Most Popular wines. R. López de Heredia, the number one wine in our poll last year, came in at a strong number two in this year’s Top 50 list. Along with other Rioja producers, it appeals to diners with elegant selections that have some age. Rachel Merriam at NYC’s *Casa Mono* explains, “Everyone comes into the restaurant wanting Rioja; we ask if they want the traditional, high-acid style, or the more modern, cabernet style. Of the [Rioja] we have, none drink alike.”

MOST POPULAR SPANISH WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | R. López de Heredia | Rioja Reserva Viña Tondonia Rioja Crianza Viña Cubillo | \$88 \$70 |
| 2 | La Rioja Alta | Rioja Reserva Ardanza Rioja Reserva Viña Alberdi | \$80 \$53 |
| 3 | Bodegas y Viñedos Raúl Pérez | Bierzo Ultreia St-Jacques Rías Baixas Atalier Albariño | \$50 \$70 |
| 4 | Marqués de Riscal | Rioja Reserva Rueda | \$41 \$27 |
| 5 | Luberri | Rioja Orlegi Rioja Seis de Luberri | \$33 \$42 |
| 6 | Ameztoi | Getariako Txakolina Hijo de Rubentis Getariako Txakolina Rubentis Rosé | \$52 \$50 |
| 7 | Marqués De Cáceres | Rioja Crianza Rioja Gran Reserva | \$31 \$80 |
| 8 | Comando G | Vinos de Madrid La Bruja de Rozas | \$61 |
| 9 | Bodegas Fernández | Ribera del Duero Tinto Pesquera Crianza Toro Dehesa la Granja | \$71 \$65 |
| 10 | Los Bermejós | Lanzarote Listán Negro Rosé Lanzarote Malvasia | \$50 \$58 |
| 11 | Cillar de Silos | Ribera del Duero Crianza Ribera del Duero Torresilo | \$40 \$70 |
| | Costers del Priorat | Priorat Pissarres | \$74 |
| 12 | La Antigua | Rioja Reserva Clásico | \$68 |
| | Viña Sastre | Ribera del Duero Ribera del Duero Regina Vides | \$75 \$310 |
| 15 | Bodegas Ramón Ayala Lete e Hijos | Rioja Gran Reserva Viña Santurnia | \$69 |
| | Bodegas Olarra | Rioja Reserva Rioja Ondarre Brut Millenium | \$75 \$60 |
| | Forjas del Salnés | Rías Baixas Leirana | \$65 |
| 17 | Luis Rodríguez Vazquez | Galicia A Torna Dos Pasás Ribeiro Viña de Martín Os Pasás | \$75 \$72 |

ARGENTINA

Mendoza malbec drives Argentina’s pull on wine lists, even as the country’s share of the most popular wines rose slightly this year, to 1.3 percent. Sommeliers report that some guests have branched out to malbec from other countries. “I hear things from guests like, ‘You can never go wrong with malbec; they’re always good and never expensive,’” says James Conley at NYC’s *Keen’s Chophouse*. “Argentine malbec and now Cahors—because people understand if I get malbec I’m going to get nice clean, bright, red wine at a good price.”

MOST POPULAR ARGENTINE WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Viña Cobos | Mendoza Felino Malbec | \$54 |
| 2 | Mendel | Mendoza Malbec | \$66 |
| 3 | Catena | Mendoza Malbec | \$49 |
| 4 | Luca | Mendoza Malbec | \$72 |

NEW ZEALAND

“Look at the statistics—where New Zealand has gone with their exports to the US. The volume that they’re bringing to the US and the range of the category—it’s huge. It’s driven by sauvignon blanc,” says Brian Mitchell of the Max Restaurant group, based in Hartford, CT. In fact, sauvignon blanc accounts for the top three spots on the country’s Most Popular list, and for most of the mentions that earned it a 1.3 percent share of the Most Popular wines in restaurants. “When people see ‘New Zealand,’ they don’t care if it’s Crawford or Geisen,” says Brad Wermager, from Chicago’s *Wildfire*. “They just gravitate to it because of where it comes from. They know the profile and like it—that grapefruit, a little grassy, that style New Zealand is known for.”

MOST POPULAR NEW ZEALAND WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|--------------|---|--------------|
| 1 | Spy Valley | Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc | \$41 |
| 2 | Cloudy Bay | Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough Pinot Noir | \$64 \$85 |
| 3 | Kim Crawford | Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc | \$38 |

GREECE

Greece took a hit this year, falling to its lowest share of respondents' top-selling lists since 2014. Much of this might have to do with the rise in prices for Santorini, the region that put Greece on US wine lists in the first place. "Santorini used to dominate wine by the glass, but now it doesn't make economic sense," reports Kamal Kouiri at *Molyvos* in NYC. Instead, he's looking to the mainland for assyrtiko, Santorini's main grape; at *Michael's Genuine* in Miami, Dean Forst is finding value in Cephalonia: "I have a robola that's priced under \$50, very aromatic, dry, with acute minerality," he says.

Meanwhile, Greece's two major reds—xinomavro from the north and agiorgitiko from the south—are going strong. "Xinomavro can be a great alternative for people into Barolo and Barbaresco; and agiorgitiko can stand next to Bordeaux," finds Alan Beasey at Chicago's *Purple Pig*.

MOST POPULAR GREEK WINES

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Alpha Estate | Florina Sauvignon Blanc | \$49 |
| | | Amyndeon Hedgehog Xinomavro | \$64 |
| 2 | Kir-Yianni | Naoussa Ramnista Xinomavro | \$63 |
| 3 | Lazaridi | Drama Oenodea Cabernet Blend | \$44 |
| | | Drama Amethystos Red Blend | \$44 |
| 4 | Biblia Chora Estate | Pangeon Agiorgitiko | \$68 |
| | | Macedonia White Blend | \$58 |
| 5 | Kourtaki | Retsina | \$28 |
| | | Nemea Apelia Rosé | \$30 |
| 6 | Greek Wine Cellars | Nemea Agiorgitiko | \$40 |
| | | Santorini Assyrtiko | \$44 |
| 7 | Skouras | Nemea Agiorgitiko | \$50 |
| | | Peloponnese Zoe Red Blend | \$40 |



JUSTIN KING
Bridge Street
Social
LANSING, MI

I'm in love with Greek wines. We're now at the point where we can sell xinomavro to Barolo lovers or Santorini to Chablis fans, presenting that dialogue in a way that doesn't threaten anyone.

Greece is one of those countries that, if it's not already, it's got to be the next hot area: There's just so much diversity of wine, and really high quality, and it's getting better all the time.



ALAN BEASEY
The Purple Pig
CHICAGO

POPULAR BARGAINS

This year, the most popular wines on lists for \$50 or less came largely from the New World, with California leading the pack. "Regions like Paso have it easy, because there are so many wines under \$20 [wholesale]," says Suzanne Wagner of New Jersey's *Restaurant Latour*.

Others are turning to the Old World for bargains. Elton Nichols, at *Canlis* in Seattle, looks to the "off" appellations of the northern Rhône. Ryan Bailey says Loire wines are the least expensive on the list at *NoMad* in LA. And at NYC's *Blue Hill*, Jason Cho seeks out back vintages of Italian wines. "You can find a lot of value with a lot of age, and guests feel like they are getting something special. People rarely get to taste wines with age," says Cho.



RYAN BAILEY
NoMad
LOS ANGELES

"Prices can't necessarily be based upon brand value or perception; rather, the prices are dictated by what the wine actually is, now."

POPULAR BARGAINS UNDER \$50

| Rank | Brand | Bottling | Avg. Price |
|------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Sonoma-Cutrer | Sonoma Coast Russian River Ranches Chardonnay | \$47 |
| 2 | J. Lohr | Paso Robles Seven Oaks Chardonnay | \$33 |
| 3 | Marqués de Riscal | Rioja Reserva | \$41 |
| | | Joel Gott | California Unoaked Chardonnay |
| 4 | Spy Valley | Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon | \$32 |
| | | Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc | \$41 |
| 6 | Bodega Garzon | Uruguay Albariño | \$39 |
| | | Kendall-Jackson Vineyards | Calif. Vintner's Reserve Chardonnay |
| 7 | Kim Crawford | California Riesling | \$25 |
| | | Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc | \$38 |
| | Primaterra | Prosecco | \$33 |
| 10 | Vietti | Moscato d'Asti Cascinetta | \$33 |
| | | Roero Arneis | \$47 |
| | | Barbera d'Asti | \$45 |
| 11 | Chateau Ste. Michelle | Columbia Valley Indian Wells Cabernet Sauvignon | \$44 |
| | | Washington Eroica Riesling | \$37 |
| 12 | Ferrari-Carano Winery | Sonoma County Chardonnay | \$41 |
| | | Sonoma County Siena | \$49 |
| | | Sonoma County Fumé Blanc | \$38 |

AFTER-DINNER WINES

Port continues to dominate as the most popular call for an after-dinner drink—with a range of mentions for 10-Year-Old Tawnies and the 20-Year-Old from Taylor's coming in at number one. Neal McCarthy, at *Miller Union* in Atlanta, says, "Being English, I'm a Port junkie—we've definitely been able to sell a decent amount of ten-year tawny. We blow through that stuff. Lots of people do it with dessert, but a lot of people do it in lieu of dessert. Our clientele is older—Port is still holding strong among the group in their forties and above; it's not a young person's drink."

It's Madeira that's exciting sommeliers and wine buyers across the country, whether bottlings from the Rare Wine Company, Blandy's or d'Oliveira. Chris Kelly's team at *Lenoir* in Austin, Texas, offers it at the beginning of the meal—"Especially the drier Verdelho," he says. "But generally, people are ordering Madeira at the end, especially with a cheese board." Elizabeth Turnbull, at *Copa* in Durham, got creative when *Hamilton*, the musical, came to town. "I created feature-drinks based on the show: Madeira is what the founding fathers toasted with when signing the Declaration of Independence—and it sold. Now we still sell a good amount. When *Hamilton* stopped, we continued to talk about tapping into your inner revolutionary."



JIM ROLLSTON
Manresa
LOS GATOS, CA

People can get excited about Huet Vouvray Moelleux, or the Royal Tokaji Tokaji aszu, Six Puttunyos.

CHRIS RAFTERY
Gramercy
Tavern
NYC

After-dinner choices tend to be a product of which dessert is on the tasting menu. If it's chocolate, the servers might recommend a Ruby Port. To be honest, most guests just order Port on their own; we don't promote it. When I'm tableside, I'm talking about Madeira or the Bermejos sweet wine (from the Canary Islands) or a Ruster Ausbruch (from Burgenland in Austria). Maybe the people who had the Frog's Leap or the Shafer cabernet are drinking Vintage Port. It's funny, we do order a lot of Port; we don't have a ton on the list, but I'm always reordering.

MOST POPULAR FORTIFIED & DESSERT BRANDS

| Rank | Brand | Appellation |
|------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Taylor Fladgate | Porto |
| 2 | Rare Wine Company | Madeira |
| 3 | Graham's | Porto |
| | Fonseca | Porto |
| 5 | Niepoort | Porto |
| 6 | Sandeman | Porto |
| 7 | Warre's | Porto |
| 8 | Royal Tokaji | Tokaji |
| 9 | Ferreira | Porto |
| 10 | Château Roumieu-Lacoste | Sauternes |
| 11 | Dow's | Porto |
| 12 | Château Guiraud | Sauternes |
| 13 | Smith Woodhouse | Porto |
| 14 | Quinta do Infantado | Porto |
| | Blandy's | Madeira |
| 16 | Kopke | Porto |
| | Ramos Pinto | Porto |
| 18 | Churchill | Porto |
| 19 | D'Oliveira | Madeira |
| 20 | La Spinetta | Moscato d'Asti |
| 21 | Château Suduiraut | Sauternes |
| | Los Bermejos | Canary Islands |
| 22 | Cappellano | Barolo |
| | Cockburn's | Porto |

MOST POPULAR FORTIFIED & DESSERT BOTTLINGS

| Rank | Brand | Designation |
|------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | Taylor Fladgate | Porto 20 Year Tawny |
| 2 | Taylor Fladgate | Porto 10 Year Tawny |
| 3 | Niepoort | Porto 10 Year Tawny |
| 4 | Rare Wine Company | Madeira Historic Series Boston Bual |
| 5 | Fonseca | Porto Bin 27 |
| 6 | Sandeman | Porto 20 Year Tawny |
| 7 | Graham's | Porto 10 Year Tawny |
| 8 | Graham's | Porto 20 Year Tawny |
| 9 | Warre's | Porto 10 Year Tawny Otima |
| 10 | Rare Wine Company | Madeira Historic Series Charleston Sercial |
| 11 | Rare Wine Company | Madeira Historic Series New York Malmsey |
| 12 | Château Roumieu-Lacoste | 2015 Sauternes |
| 13 | Cappellano | Barolo Chinato |
| | Los Bermejos | Canary Islands Naturalmente Dulce |
| | Ferreira | Porto 20 Year Tawny |
| 15 | Ferreira | Porto Tawny 20 Duque de Braganca |
| 17 | Royal Tokaji | 2013 Tokaji 5 Puttunyos |
| | Dow's | Porto 20 Year Tawny |
| | Fonseca | Porto 20 Year Tawny |
| | Fonseca | Porto 10 Year Tawny |
| 18 | Fonseca | Porto Ruby |
| | Graham's | Porto Six Grapes |
| | Smith Woodhouse | Porto 10 Year Tawny |
| | Quinta do Infantado | Porto 10 Year Tawny |
| 24 | Sandeman | Porto Founders Reserve |



RESTAURANT DIRECTORY

Here are the 226 restaurants that participated in our 30th Anniversary Restaurant Poll. *Wine & Spirits* contacted wine directors at 2,312 restaurants, inviting them to fill out the poll. We've listed the respondents by state and then by city.

ARIZONA

Christo's

Phoenix, 602-264-1784
christosristorante.com

Greekfest

Phoenix, 602-265-2990
thegreekfest.com

Cafe Monarch

Scottsdale, 480-970-7682
cafemonarch.com

CALIFORNIA

Maude

Beverly Hills, 310-859-3418
mauderestaurant.com

Spago

Beverly Hills, 310-385-0880
wolfgangpuck.com

Bistango

Irvine, 949-752-5222
bistango.com

71Above

Los Angeles, 213-712-2683
71above.com

Broken Spanish

Los Angeles, 213-749-1460
brokenspanish.com

Dama

Los Angeles, 213-741-0612
damafashiondistrict.com

Hippo

Los Angeles, 323-545-3536
hipporestaurant.com

Il Moro

Los Angeles, 310-575-3530
ilmoro.com

Marino

Los Angeles, 323-466-8812
marinorestaurant.com

Night + Market

Los Angeles, 323-665-5899
nightmarketla.com

Otoño

Los Angeles, 323-474-6624
otonorestaurant.com

Pour Haus Wine Bar

Los Angeles, 213-327-0304
pourhauswinebar.com

Redbird

Los Angeles, 213-788-1191
redbird.la

Republique

Los Angeles, 310-362-6115
republiquesf.com

The Little Door

Los Angeles, 323-951-1210
thelittledoor.com

The Nomad

Los Angeles, 213-358-0000
thenomadhotel.com

Wolfgang Puck at Hotel Bel-Air

Los Angeles, 310-909-1644
wolfgangpuck.com

Manresa

Los Gatos, 408-354-4330
manresarestaurant.com

Carbon Beach Club Restaurant

Malibu, 310-460-7509
malibubeachinn.com

Manhattan Beach Post

Manhattan Beach
310-545-5405
eatmbpost.com

Buckeye Roadhouse

Mill Valley, 415-331-2600
buckeyeroadhouse.com

Bayside Restaurant

Newport Beach
949-721-1222
baysiderestaurant.com

À Côté

Oakland, 510-655-6469
acoterestaurant.com

Punchdown

Oakland, 510-788-7877
punchdownwine.com

1760

San Francisco, 415-359-1212
1760sf.com

A16

San Francisco, 415-771-2216
a16pizza.com

Absinthe Brasserie & Bar

San Francisco, 415-551-1590
absinthe.com

Acquerello

San Francisco, 415-567-5432
acquerello.com

Benu

San Francisco, 415-685-4860
benusf.com

Californios

San Francisco, 415-757-0994
californiossf.com

Che Fico

San Francisco, 415-416-6959
chefico.com

Delfina

San Francisco, 415-552-4055
delfinasf.com

Farallon

San Francisco, 415-956-6969
farallonrestaurant.com

Foreign Cinema

San Francisco, 415-648-7600
foreigncinema.com

Frances

San Francisco, 415-621-3870
frances-sf.com

Gary Danko

San Francisco, 415-749-2060
garydanko.com

La Ciccio

San Francisco, 415-550-8114
lacioccio.com

La Folie

San Francisco, 415-776-5577
lafolie.com

Liholiho Yacht Club

San Francisco, 415-440-5446
liholihoyachtclub.com

One Market Restaurant

San Francisco, 415-777-5577
onemarket.com

Ristorante Milano

San Francisco, 415-673-2961
milanosf.com

Tartine Manufactory

San Francisco, 415-757-0007
tartinemanufactory.com

The Barrel Room

San Francisco, 415-956-6900
barrelroomsf.com

The Morris

San Francisco, 415-612-8480
themorris-sf.com

Town Hall

San Francisco, 415-908-3900
townhallsf.com

Uma Casa

San Francisco, 415-829-2264
umacasarestaurant.com

The Black Sheep

Santa Barbara, 805-965-1113
theblacksheepsb.com

The Charter Oak

St. Helena, 707-302-6996
thecharteroak.com

The Restaurant at Meadowood

St. Helena, 707-967-1205
therestaurantatmeadowood.com

Scopa Italian Roots

Venice, 310-821-1100
scopaitalianroots.com

Va de Vi

Walnut Creek, 925-979-0100
vadevi.com

COLORADO

Frasca Food and Wine

Boulder, 303-442-6966
frascafoodandwine.com

12 @ Madison

Denver, 720-216-0190
12atmadison.com

Barolo Grill

Denver, 303-393-1040
barologrilldenver.com

Beast + Bottle

Denver, 303-623-3223
beastandbottle.com

Mercantile Dining & Provision

Denver, 720-460-3733
mercantiledenver.com

CONNECTICUT

Max a Mia

Avon, 860-677-6299
maxamiaristorante.com

Max Amore

Glastonbury, 860-659-2819
maxrestaurantgroup.com

The Ginger Man

Greenwich, 203-861-6400
gingermanct.com

Max Downtown

Hartford, 860-522-2530
maxdowntown.com

The Hopkins Inn & Restaurant

Warren, 860-868-7295
thehopkinsinn.com

Max's Oyster Bar

West Hartford, 860-236-6299
maxrestaurantgroup.com

Tavern on Main

Westport, 203-221-7222
tavernonmain.com

DC

Mirabelle

202-506-3833
mirabellecd.com

Supra

202-789-1205
supradc.com

Thip Khao

202-387-5426
thipkhao.com

FLORIDA

La Brochette Bistro

Cooper City, 954-435-9090
labrochettebistro.com

Amara at Paraiso

Miami, 305-702-5528
amaraatparaiso.com

Casa Juancho

Miami, 305-642-2452
casajuancho.com

Michael's Genuine Food & Drink

Miami, 305-573-5550
michaelsgenuine.com

Cafe L'Europe

Palm Beach, 561-655-4020
cafeleurope.com

GEORGIA

Empire State South

Atlanta, 404-541-1105
empirestatesouth.com

Marcel

Atlanta, 404-665-4555
marcelatl.com

Miller Union

Atlanta, 678-733-8550
millerunion.com

Sotto Sotto

Atlanta, 404-523-6678
sottosottoatl.com

St. Cecilia

Atlanta, 404-554-9995
stceciliaatl.com

Staplehouse

Atlanta, 404-524-5005
staplehouse.com

The Optimist

Atlanta, 404-477-6260
theoptimistrestaurant.com

No. 246

Decatur, 678-399-8246
no246.com

Spring

Marietta, 678-540-2777
springmarietta.com

The Grey

Savannah, 912-662-5999
thegreyrestaurant.com

HAWAII

Fête Hawaii

Honolulu, 808-369-1390
fete-hawaii.com

La Mer

Honolulu, 808-923-2311
halekulani.com

Orchids

Honolulu, 808-923-2311
halekulani.com

ILLINOIS

Autre Monde Cafe

Berwyn, 708-775-8122
autremondecafe.net

Bellemore

Chicago, 312-667-0104
bellemorechicago.com

Dove's Luncheonette

Chicago, 773-645-4060
doveschicago.com

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse

Chicago, 312-266-8999
gibsonssteakhouse.com

Joe's Seafood

Chicago, 312-379-5637
joes.net

Lawry's The Prime Rib

Chicago, 312-787-5000
lawrysonline.com

RPM Italian

Chicago, 312-222-1888
rpmrestaurants.com

The Purple Pig

Chicago, 412-464-1744
thepurplepigchicago.com

Wildfire

Chicago, 312-787-9000
wildfirerestaurant.com

LOUISIANA

Antoine's

New Orleans, 504-581-4422
antoines.com

August

New Orleans, 504-299-9777
restaurantaugust.com

Court of Two Sisters

New Orleans, 504-522-7261
courtoftwosisters.com

Shaya

New Orleans, 504-891-4213
shayarestaurant.com

The Delachaise

New Orleans, 504-895-0858
thedelachaise.com

MAINE

Lolita

Portland, 207-775-5652
lolita-portland.com

MARYLAND

Black Olive

Baltimore, 410-276-7141
theblackolive.com

Chiapparelli's

Baltimore, 410-837-0309
chiapparellis.com

Tio Pepe

Baltimore, 410-539-4675
tiopepe.us

The King's Contrivance

Columbia, 410-995-0500
greatfoodmd.com

Linwoods

Owings Mills, 410-356-3030
linwoods.com

MASSACHUSETTS

Abe & Louie's

Boston, 617-536-6300
abeandlouies.com

Neptune Oyster

Boston, 617-742-3474
neptuneoyster.com

Loyal Nine

Cambridge, 617-945-2576
loyalninecambridge.com

Puritan & Company

Cambridge, 617-615-6195
puritancambridge.com

Cape Sea Grille

Harwich Port, 508-432-4745
capesegrille.com

Il Capriccio

Waltham, 781-894-2234
ilcapricciowaltham.com

MICHIGAN

Roast

Detroit, 313-961-2500
roastdetroit.com

Selden Standard

Detroit, 313-438-5055
seldenstandard.com

Bridge Street Social

DeWitt, 517-668-1837
bridgestreetsocial.com

MINNESOTA

Lake Elmo Inn

Lake Elmo, 651-777-8495
lakeelmoinn.com

Gardens of Salonica

Minneapolis, 612-378-0611
gardensofsalonica.com

The Bachelor Farmer

Minneapolis, 612-206-3920
thebachelorfarmer.com

MISSOURI

Sidney St. Cafe

St. Louis, 314-771-5777
sidneystreetcafestl.com

NEVADA

Lotus of Siam

Las Vegas, 702-735-3033
lotusofsiamlv.com

Mesa Grill

Las Vegas, 877-346-4642
mesagrill.com

NEW JERSEY

Restaurant Latour

Hamburg, 855-977-6473
crystalgolfresort.com

The Frog and The Peach

New Brunswick, 732-846-3216
frogandpeach.com

NEW MEXICO

Anasazi Restaurant

Santa Fe, 505-988-3236
rosewoodhotels.com

Geronimo

Santa Fe, 505-982-1500
geronimorestaurant.com

Santacafé

Santa Fe, 505-984-1788
santacafe.com

NEW YORK

La Vara

Brooklyn, 718-422-0065
lavarany.com

Ops

Brooklyn, 718-386-4009
opsbk.com

Saint Julivert

Brooklyn, 347-987-3710
saintjulivertbk.com

The River Café

Brooklyn, 718-522-5200
rivercafe.com

Piccolo

Huntington, 631-424-5592
piccolorestaurant.net

Acme

New York, 212-203-2121
acmenyc.com

Ai Fiori

New York, 212-613-8660
aiflorinyc.com

Aldo Sohm Wine Bar

New York, 212-554-1143
aldosohmwinebar.com

Amali

New York, 212-339-8363
amaliny.com

Amali Mou

New York, 646-747-0818
amalimounyc.com

Atomix

New York, no phone
atomixnyc.com

Babbo

New York, 212-777-0303
babbonyc.com

Balthazar

New York, 212-925-5340
balthazararmy.com

Bar Jamón

New York, 212-253-2773
casamononyc.com

Batard

New York, 212-219-2777
batardtribeca.com

Blue Hill

New York, 212-539-1776
bluehillfarm.com

Buddakan

New York, 212-989-6699
buddakanyc.com

Clay

New York, 212-729-1850
claynyc.com

Craft

New York, 212-780-0880
craftrestaurant.com

Daniel

New York, 212-288-0033
danielnyc.com

Del Posto

New York, 212-497-8090
delposto.com

El Quinto Pino

New York, 212-206-6900
elquintopinonyc.com

Ferris

New York, 212-213-4420
ferrisnyc.com

Gabriel Kreuther

New York, 212-257-5826
gknyc.com

Gramercy Tavern

New York, 212-477-0777
gramercytavern.com

Keens Steakhouse

New York, 212-947-3636
keens.com

Kilo

New York, 212-707-8770
nyckilo.com

King

New York, 917-825-1618
kingrestaurant.nyc

La Compagnie des Vins

Surnaturels
New York, 212-343-3660
compagnienyc.com

Le Bernardin

New York, 212-554-1515
le-bernardin.com

Marea

New York, 212-582-5100
marea-nyc.com

Molyvos

New York, 212-582-7500
molyvos.com

Noreetuh

New York, 646-892-3050
noreetuh.com

Nur

New York, 212-505-3420
nurmy.com

Pasquale Jones

New York, no phone
pasqualejones.com

Raoul's

New York, 212-966-3518
raouls.com

Ruffian

New York, 212-777-0855
ruffiannyc.com

Shun Lee Palace

New York, 212-371-8844
shunleerestaurants.com

The Modern

New York, 212-333-1220
themodernnyc.com

The Nomad

New York, 212-796-1500
thenomadhotel.com

The Simone

New York, 212-772-8861
simonenyc.com

Toro

New York, 212-691-2360
toro-nyc.com

Tribeca Grill

New York, 212-941-3900
myriadrestaurantgroup.com

Txikito

New York, 212-242-4730
txikitonyc.com

Union Square Cafe

New York, 212-243-4020
unionsquarecafe.com

Untitled

New York, 212-570-3670
untitledatthewhitney.com

Upland

New York, 212-686-1006
uplandnyc.com

NORTH CAROLINA

Stoke Charlotte

Charlotte, 704-353-6005
stokecharlotte.com

Copa

Durham, 919-973-0111
copadurham.com

Fearrington House Inn

Pittsboro, 919-542-2121
fearrington.com

OKLAHOMA

PoloGrill

Tulsa, 918-744-4280
pologrill.com

OREGON

Tina's

Dundee, 503-538-8880
tinasdundee.com

Andina

Portland, 503-228-9535
andinarestaurant.com

Bar Vivant

Portland, 971-271-7166
barvivant.com

Caffe Mingo

Portland, 503-223-5776
caffemingtonw.com

Coquine

Portland, 503-384-2483
coquinedpx.com

Davenport

Portland, 503-236-8747
davenportpdx.com

Enoteca Nostrana

Portland, 503-236-7006
enotecanostrana.com

Ned Ludd

Portland, 503-288-6900
nedluddpdx.com

Nostrana

Portland, 503-234-2427
nostrana.com

Olympia Provisions Southeast

Portland, 503-954-3663
olympiaprovisions.com

Shift Drinks

Portland, 503-922-3933
shiftdrinkspx.com

PENNSYLVANIA

Yangming

Bryn Mawr, 610-527-3200
yangmingrestaurant.com

Fork

Philadelphia, 215-625-9425
forkrestaurant.com

Lacroix at The Rittenhouse

Philadelphia, 215-790-2533
lacroixrestaurant.com

Vernick Food & Drink

Philadelphia, 267-639-6644
vernickphilly.com

SOUTH CAROLINA

Husk

Charleston, 843-577-2500
huskrestaurant.com

Le Farfalle

Charleston, 843-212-0920
lefarfallecharleston.com

Leon's Oyster Shop

Charleston, 843-531-6500
leonsoystershop.com

McCradys

Charleston, 843-577-0025
mccradysrestaurant.com

Stems & Skins

North Charleston
843-805-4809
stemsandskins.com

TENNESSEE

Bastion

Nashville, 615-490-8434
bastionnashville.com

Henrietta Red

Nashville, 615-490-8042
henriettared.com

TEXAS

Bufalina

Austin, 512-524-2523
bufalinapizza.com

Foreign & Domestic

Austin, 512-459-1010
fndaustin.com

Lenoir

Austin, 512-215-9778
lenoirrestaurant.com

Ill Forks

Dallas, 972-267-1776
3forks.com

13 Celsius

Houston, 713-529-8466
13celsius.com

Camerata at Paulie's

Houston, 713-522-8466
pauliesrestaurant.com

Damian's Cucina Italiana

Houston, 713-522-0439
damians.com

Hugo's

Houston, 713-524-7744
hugosrestaurant.net

Pappas Bros. Steakhouse

Houston, 713-658-1995
pappasbros.com

State of Grace

Houston, 832-942-5080
stateofgracetx.com

Truluck's

Houston, 713-783-7270
trulucks.com

Acenar

San Antonio, 210-222-2362
acenar.com

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse

San Antonio, 210-824-9463
flemingssteakhouse.com

WASHINGTON

Aqua by El Gaucho

Seattle, 206-956-9171
elgaucho.com

Canlis

Seattle, 206-283-3313
canlis.com

Elliott's Oyster House

Seattle, 206-623-4340
elliottsoysterhouse.com

Metropolitan Grill

Seattle, 206-624-3287
themetropolitangrill.com

Purple Café & Wine Bar

Seattle, 206-829-2280
purplecafe.com

RN74 Seattle

Seattle, 206-456-7474
michaelmina.net

Salty's

Seattle, 206-937-1600
saltys.com

The Walrus and the Carpenter

Seattle, 206-395-9227
thewalrusbar.com

WISCONSIN

L'Etoile

Madison, 608-251-0500
letoile-restaurant.com

Carnevora

Milwaukee, 414-223-2200
carnevora.com

Five O'Clock Steakhouse

Milwaukee, 414-342-3553
fiveoclocksteakhouse.com

Eddie Martini's

Wauwatosa, 414-771-6680
eddiemartinis.com