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RESTAURANT AWARDS

THE 2011 RESTAURANT AWARDS

IN THE MORE THAN 60 PAGES THAT FOLLOW, YOU'LL FIND LISTINGS FOR ALL THE RESTAURANTS THAT EARNED A *WINE SPECTATOR* AWARD FOR THEIR WINE PROGRAM IN 2011. WE HOPE YOU'LL GIVE THEM A TRY.

85 UNITED STATES • 135 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 2,827 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 100 selections.

†† BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE 833 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 74 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.

Florida

MIAMI & VICINITY

A FISH CALLED AVALON †
Avalon Hotel, 700 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach; (305) 532-1727

BOURBON STEAK ††
Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort & Club, 19999 W. Country Club Drive, Aventura; (786) 279-6600 **Wine director** Justin Hail **Wine strengths** California, France **Wine selections** 1,000 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** \$38-\$85

THE CAPITAL GRILLE ††
444 Brickell Ave., Miami; (305) 374-4500 **Wine director** Fred Sutherland **Wine strengths** California, Bordeaux **Wine selections** 550 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$20 **Cuisine** Steak house **Menu prices** \$26-\$46

CASA JUANCHO ††
2436 S.W. Eighth St., Miami; (305) 642-2452 **Wine strengths** Spain, California **Wine selections** 450 **Wine prices** Moderate **Corkage** \$15 **Cuisine** Spanish **Menu prices** \$20-\$48

CASA TUA ††
1700 James Ave., Miami Beach; (305) 673-1010 **Wine director** Erik Saccomani **Wine strengths** Tuscany, Piedmont, Bordeaux **Wine selections** 450 **Wine prices** Expensive **Cuisine** Italian **Menu prices** \$22-\$46

CHEF ALLEN'S †
19088 N.E. 29th Ave., Aventura; (305) 935-2900

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DB BISTRO MODERNE ††
345 Ave. of Americas, Miami; (305) 421-8800 **Wine director** Daniel Johannes **Wine strengths** Bordeaux, California, Burgundy **Wine selections** 450 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** French **Menu prices** \$26-\$45

EMERIL'S MIAMI BEACH ††
Loews Miami Beach Hotel, 1601 Collins Ave., Miami Beach; (305) 695-4550 **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, Rhône, Italy, Australia, Bordeaux **Wine selections** 850 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$25 **Cuisine** Contemporary New Orleanian **Menu prices** \$25-\$40

FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR †
2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables; (305) 569-7995

FOGO DE CHÃO †
836 First St., Miami Beach; (305) 672-0011

THE FORGE ††
432 41st St., Miami Beach; (305) 538-8533 **Sommelier** Gino Santangelo **Wine strengths** Bordeaux, California **Wine selections** 705 **Wine prices** Moderate **Cuisine** American **Menu prices** \$19-\$55



GINO SANTANGELO
SOMMELIER

MESAZUL STEAKHOUSE †
Doral Golf Resort & Spa, 4400 N.W. 87th Ave., Miami; (305) 591-6616

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE †
2333 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables; (305) 442-1662

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE †
1200 Brickell Ave., Miami; (305) 400-9990

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE †
4041 Collins Ave., Miami Beach; (786) 454-4022

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE †
17399 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach; (305) 945-3131

OCEAN PRIME †
19501 Biscayne Blvd., Aventura; (305) 931-5400

ORTANIQUE †
278 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables; (305) 446-7710

THE PALM †
9650 E. Bay Harbor Drive, Bay Harbor Islands; (305) 868-7256

PASCAL'S ON PONCE †
2611 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Coral Gables; (305) 444-2024

QUATTRO GASTRONOMIA ITALIANA †
1014 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach; (305) 531-4833

RED, THE STEAKHOUSE †
9 Washington Ave., Miami Beach; (305) 54-3688

THE RESTAURANT ††
The Setai South Beach, 2001 Collins Ave., Miami Beach; (305) 520-6000 **Wine strengths** California, Burgundy, Bordeaux, uscany, Piedmont **Wine selections** 715 **Wine prices** Expensive **Corkage** \$35 **Cuisine** Indian/Thai/Chinese **Menu prices** \$20-\$60

SMITH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE †
320 Salzedo St., Coral Gables; (305) 61-8360

SEASONS 52 †
21 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables; (305) 42-8552

MITH & WOLLENSKY †
Washington Ave., at South Pointe Park, Miami Beach; (305) 673-2800

OWN KITCHEN & BAR †
301 S.W. 57th Court, South Miami; (305) 40-8118

THE TRAPICHE ROOM †
W Marriott Hotel Miami, 1109 Brickell Ave., Miami; (305) 329-3500

VISH †
The Hotel, 801 Collins Ave., Miami Beach; (305) 674-9474