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**Aerie Restaurant Celebrates Fourth *Wine Spectator* Award**

ACME, Mich., July 9, 2020 – Raise a glass at Aerie Restaurant & Lounge! The restaurant located on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor of Grand Traverse Resort and Spa received its fourth consecutive *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. [\*Wine Spectator\*](#) recognizes restaurants with wine lists featuring at least 90 selections that include 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.

“This year’s *Wine Spectator* Restaurant Award program celebrates restaurants’ resilience, dedication and bravery during these unprecedented times,” said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, *Wine Spectator*. “We hope that all of our award winners and the people who make them special will find their way through the crisis to once again welcome us through their doors. We look forward to raising a glass together, and to new beginnings.”

Located just minutes away from distinguished wineries of Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas, Aerie offers stunning views of Michigan’s wine country. When it comes to selecting your wine pairing for such eclectic cuisine, the list is expansive, encompassing both international and national offerings as well as several from our award-winning region. Aerie staff goes under extensive wine education and is well-trained in offering the perfect glass to fit every occasion and food selection.

“We are thrilled to receive the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence for the fourth year in a row,” said Alex Truck, Aerie manager and sommelier. “We put great effort into building a wine list that works for our guests from all over the world. Creating this list is one of the more challenging, yet rewarding aspects of what we do. This award showcases our hard work and dedication to offering guests a memorable experience.”

To celebrate the award, Aerie will be offering a special \$25 wine flight for the month of July. The flight features three *Wine Spectator* Top 100 Wines including, Sixto “Uncovered” (Columbia Valley, WA 2014), Caparzo “Brunello di Montalcino” (Tuscany, Italy 2014), and Torbreck “Woodcutter’s Shiraz” (Barossa Valley, Australia 2018).

The Share the Sweet Program has also returned to Aerie this month. The program is our way to give back to the local community by donating \$1 to a local nonprofit from each dessert sold. This month the program is supporting the Father Fred Foundation. Aerie’s dessert menu includes strawberry bavarian torte, crème brûlée with chocolate ganache, and classic cheesecake with your choice of sauce, so grab a date and head over to Aerie to enjoy sweet treats for a good cause.

For more information about Aerie Restaurant & Lounge, visit [aerierestaurant.com](http://aerierestaurant.com).

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### **About Wine Spectator**

Wine Spectator is the world's leading authority on wine. Anchored by *Wine Spectator* magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web's most comprehensive wine site ([WineSpectator.com](http://WineSpectator.com)), mobile platforms and a series of signature events. Wine Spectator examines the world of wine from the vineyard to the table, exploring wine's role in contemporary culture and delivering expert reviews of more than 15,000 wines each year.

### **About Aerie Restaurant & Lounge**

With panoramic views of Grand Traverse Bay and a vibrant, contemporary menu, Aerie Restaurant & Lounge has always been a one-of-a-kind dining experience. From Sunday brunch to happy hour to dinner with a view, Aerie delights friends, couples, and families alike. Located on the 16th floor of the Tower inside Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Aerie has proudly served Northern Michigan for more than 10 years.

### **About Grand Traverse Resort and Spa**

Nestled among the freshwater beaches and hardwood forests of Traverse City, MI, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is miles away from ordinary. Featuring nearly 600 guest rooms and 86,500 square feet of meeting space, the 900-acre property is one of Michigan's premier resort destinations. The Resort is also home to three championship golf courses, the renowned Spa Grand Traverse, and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence winner Aerie Restaurant & Lounge. Visit [grandtraverseresort.com](http://grandtraverseresort.com) or call 800-236-1577 to learn more.