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Aerie Restaurant Celebrates Third *Wine Spectator* Award

ACME, Mich., July 9, 2019 — Cheers from Grand Traverse Resort and Spa! This July, Aerie Restaurant & Lounge received its third consecutive *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence.

Wine Spectator magazine bestows the Award of Excellence to 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.

Aerie is located just minutes away from the renowned wineries of Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas, which make up the [Traverse Wine Coast](#). With Michigan's wine country in the backyard, Aerie's staff is dedicated to providing vintages from around the globe—including featured local wines.

“We put great effort into building a wine list that works for our guests from all over the world,” says Aerie manager and sommelier Alex Truck. “Creating this list is one of the more challenging, yet rewarding aspects of what we do. It is an honor to be included with the other recipients of this award who embark on a similar endeavor.”

To celebrate the award, Aerie will be offering a special \$25 wine flight for the month of July. The flight includes three *Wine Spectator* Top 100 Wines bottles, including Charles Smith “Kung Fu Girl” (Columbia Valley, WA), Caparzo “Brunello di Montalcino” (Tuscany, Italy), and Tait “The Ball Buster” (McLaren Valley, Australia).

The *Wine Spectator* award isn't the only thing new at Aerie—the restaurant debuted its “Share the Sweet” community giveback program this summer, in which \$1 from every dessert goes to a local charity or nonprofit. In June, the program raised over \$550 for [Cherryland Humane Society](#). Future monthly partners include [Women's Resource Center](#), [Michael's Place](#), [Reigning Liberty Ranch](#), [FLOW \(For Love of Water\)](#), [Make-A-Wish Michigan](#), and [Father Fred](#).

Aerie also kicked off a brand-new happy hour this season. The menu runs daily from 4 – 6 p.m. and features a selection of \$5 wines, draft beers, and premium cocktails, with cheeky creations like “That's My Jam” (rum, strawberry jam, lemon, simple syrup) and “Tiny Pink Bubbles” (pink gin, champagne syrup, sparkling wine). Appetizers are all under \$10 and include truffle fries, veggie tempura, sliders, and more.

For more information about Aerie Restaurant & Lounge, visit aerierestaurant.com.

Media images are available [here](#).

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), 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 16,000 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 or call 800-236-1577 to learn more.