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Aerie Restaurant Earns Second Wine Spectator Award of Excellence

ACME, Mich., July 24, 2018 --- Aerie Restaurant & Lounge, located inside Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, is pleased to announce its second 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.

“We are honored to receive back-to-back Awards of Excellence,” said Brian Burkley, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa’s Director of Food & Beverage. “Understanding, promoting, and sharing the world of wine with our guests is a true passion for the team at Aerie, and we work hard to provide guests with an outstanding selection from around the world, including featured Northern Michigan wines.”

The Aerie team undergoes intensive wine education, led by sommeliers Max Bauer and Alex Truck, which includes frequent wine tasting as well as tours of vineyards in the Traverse City area. Chef Bryan Petrick also works closely with Bauer and Truck to develop pairings for each Aerie dish, creating an unparalleled wine experience for guests.

To celebrate the award, Aerie will offer a special tasting flight menu for the month of August, from which guests will be able to sample some of *Wine Spectator*’s [Top 100](#) wines.

“We’re excited to offer guests a chance to taste something new, unique, or rare,” said Max Bauer, Aerie manager and wine director. “The flight will feature outstanding wines from the Top 100 list to showcase what Aerie’s extensive wine selection has to offer.”

For more information about *Wine Spectator* and their awards, visit www.winespectator.com. To learn more about Aerie Restaurant & Lounge, visit www.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), 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 Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is located near Traverse City, MI, along Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay. The 900-acre property is one of the Midwest's finest, year-round resorts featuring nearly 600 guest rooms, 54 holes of championship golf including courses designed by Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, a full-service spa, and Aerie Restaurant & Lounge. For information about the Resort, lodging packages, and to make reservations, call 800-236-1577 or visit grandtraverseresort.com.