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**Aerie Restaurant Wins Fifth Consecutive *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence**

ACME, Mich., September 16, 2021 – Cheers to Aerie Restaurant & Lounge! The restaurant located on the 16th floor of Grand Traverse Resort and Spa received its fifth consecutive *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence. The annual program recognizes restaurants around the world as a top destination for wine lovers.

“American restaurants are back in business, as patrons are eagerly returning to dining rooms across the nation,” said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, *Wine Spectator*. “In this year’s Restaurant Awards issue, we reflect on how restaurateurs navigated this incredibly difficult period, and look ahead, with every indication that the coming year will be one of the most promising in decades for an industry we all love. It’s been a long road back, and it feels wonderful to celebrate restaurants and all they bring to the world of wine.”

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 go under extensive wine education and are well-trained in offering the perfect glass to fit every occasion and food selection.

“It is an honor to receive the *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence for the fifth year in a row,” said Alex Truck, the Resort’s sommelier. “We put great effort into building a wine list that pairs with our extraordinary food offerings. This award showcases our hard work and dedication to offering guests a memorable experience.”

*Wine Spectator* began its program to recognize the world’s best wine lists in 1981. The Award of Excellence recognizes restaurants whose wine lists feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style.

To celebrate the award, Aerie will be offering a special \$25 wine flight for the months of September and October. The flight features three *Wine Spectator* Top 100 Wines including, Duckhorn Merlot (Napa Valley, CA), Penner-Ash Pinot Noir (Willamette Valley, OR), and Sixto "Uncovered" Chardonnay (Columbia Valley, WA).

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### **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.

### **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 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.