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Top 50 Wines in America's Best Restaurants



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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir have been fighting for top variety in *W&S's* Annual Restaurant Poll for the last five years. Last year, cabernet took top honors among the most popular wines in US restaurants. This year, pinot noir edges it out by less than a percentage point.

Still, of the most popular wines on respondents' lists in 2017, nearly 13 percent were cabernet sauvignon or cabernet-based. And seven of the most popular brands overall are significant cabernet producers: Cakebread, Caymus, Jordan, Duckhorn, Frank Family, Silver Oak and Stag's Leap Wine Cellars.

In terms of brand visibility among American diners, cabernet sauvignon has the upper hand. "Wine lists can be intimidating," says Joshua Steiner of *Carnevor* in Milwaukee. "Guests gravitate to names that are familiar. Our three best-selling cabs (Stag's Leap, Silver Oak and Caymus) are consistently good, regardless of vintage. We don't try to sell those wines: People have decided on those before they walk through the door."

And where beef is involved, cabernet is still king. "We are very much a traditional Texas steakhouse," says Bill Elsey of *Pappas Bros. Steakhouse* in Houston, "and with their meals, people love the big California cabs." At *Mistral* in Boston, David Borsman says diners are "taking a deeper look at Chateau Montelena, Grgich Hills, Ridge—you know, the guys that have been doing it for decades. I think as people learn more about wine in general maybe they're starting to think these aren't just brands, these are the originals for a reason and they're still at it so there must be something to that."

There is also a significant interest in Bordeaux, which, sommeliers are finding, can often come in at a better value than Napa cabernet (the average price for the best-selling cabernets in our respondents' restaurants is \$104, \$14 more than the average for pinot noir). "Bordeaux is making a comeback," says Nicole Hakli of NYC's *Momofuku Ssäm Bar*, pointing to the 2011 Haut-Medoc, Les Allées de Canteemerle. "It's a great restaurant wine—it's food friendly, ready to drink, at a friendly price point at \$68 a bottle—and it's terrific with the duck or pork shoulder ssam, or the wagyu beef."

In the \$50 to \$70 range, you'll get better value out of Bordeaux than Napa. You can find some fun artisanal Côtes de Bordeaux or Supérieur—family-made wines, with a couple years of bottle age.

—Noah Singerman,
Husk, Charleston, SC



The international business crowd that comes in wants the best of what the US has to offer, so then we're dealing with Napa Valley and cabernet sauvignon. They want to try California.

—Bill Elsey, *Pappas Bros. Steakhouse, Houston*



MOST POPULAR CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

Rank	Brand	Bottling	Avg. Price
1	Silver Oak Wine Cellars	Alexander Valley	\$163
2	Caymus Vineyards	Napa Valley	\$165
3	Justin	Paso Robles	\$67
4	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars	Napa Valley Artemis	\$118
5	Faust	Napa Valley	\$104
6	Frank Family	Napa Valley	\$108
7	Jordan Vineyards	Alexander Valley	\$120
8	Hall	Napa Valley	\$83
9	Heitz Wine Cellars	Napa Valley Napa Valley Trailside Vineyard	\$143 \$188
10	J. Lohr	Paso Robles Seven Oaks	\$50
11	Duckhorn Vineyards	Napa Valley	\$93
12	Obsidian Ridge	Red Hills Lake County	\$57
13	St. Francis Vineyards	Sonoma County	\$48
14	Mt. Veeder Winery	Napa Valley	\$86
15	Opus One	Napa Valley Overture	\$229
16	Dariouh	Napa Valley	\$243
17	Woodward Canyon	Columbia Valley Artist's Series	\$93
18	Corison	Napa Valley	\$192
19	Alexander Valley Vyds.	Alexander Valley	\$49
20	Turnbull	Napa Valley	\$100
21	Sequoia Grove Vineyards	Napa Valley	\$90
22	Leonetti Cellar	Columbia Valley	\$228
23	Louis Martini Winery	Napa Valley	\$44
24	Chateau Montelena	Napa Valley	\$119
25	Keenan	Spring Mountain	\$52
26	Lewis	Napa Valley Mason's	\$125
27	Snowden	Napa Valley Brothers Vineyard	\$140
28	L'Ecole No. 41	Columbia Valley	\$68

RESTAURANT DIRECTORY

Here are the 231 restaurants that participated in our **29th Annual Restaurant Poll**. *Wine & Spirits* contacted wine directors at 3,584 restaurants, inviting them to fill out the poll. We've listed respondents by state and then by city.

ARIZONA

Christo's

Phoenix, 602-264-1784
christos1.com

Greekfest

Phoenix, 602-265-2990
thegreekfest.com

CALIFORNIA

Chez Panisse

Berkeley, 510-548-5525
chezpanisse.com

Spago

Beverly Hills, 310-385-0880
wolfgangpuck.com

George's Ocean Terrace

La Jolla, 858-454-4244
georgesatthecove.com

71above

Los Angeles, 213-712-2683
71above.com

Bestia

Los Angeles, 213-514-5724
bestiala.com

Here's Looking At You

Los Angeles, 213-568-3573
hereslookingatyoula.com

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Los Angeles, 323-297-0100
osteriamozza.com

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Los Angeles, 213-972-3331
patinagroup.com

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Los Angeles, 213-788-1191
redbird.la

Manresa

Los Gatos, 408-354-4330
manresarestaurant.com

Carbon Beach Club Restaurant

Malibu, 310-460-7509
malibubeachinn.com

Manhattan Beach Post

Manhattan Beach
310-545-5405
eatmbpost.com

La Taberna

Napa, 707-224-5551
latabernanapa.com

Erna's Elderberry House

Oakhurst, 559-683-6800
chateausureau.com

À Côté

Oakland, 510-655-6469
acoterestaurant.com

Ordinaire

Oakland, 510-629-3944
ordinairewine.com

Roy's

San Diego, 619-239-7697
roysrestaurant.com

1760

San Francisco, 415-359-1212
1760sf.com

Absinthe

San Francisco, 415-551-1590
absinthe.com

Acquerello

San Francisco, 415-567-5432
acquerello.com

Aster

San Francisco, 415-875-9810
astersf.com

Barrel Room SF

San Francisco, 415-956-6900
barrelroomsf.com

Bellota

San Francisco, 415-430-6580
bellotasf.com

Californios

San Francisco, 415-757-0994
californiossf.com

Foreign Cinema

San Francisco, 415-648-7600
foreigncinema.com

Hillside Supper Club

San Francisco, 415-285-6005
hillidesupperclub.com

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San Francisco, 415-776-5577
lafolie.com

Leo's Oyster Bar

San Francisco, 415-872-9982
leossf.com

Liholiho Yacht Club

San Francisco, 415-440-5446
liholihoyachtclub.com

One Market

San Francisco, 415-777-5577
onemarket.com

Quince

San Francisco, 415-775-8500
quincerestaurant.com

Tosca Cafe

San Francisco, 415-986-9657
toscacafesf.com

Tasca Tasca

Sonoma, 707-996-8272
tascatasca.com

Press

St. Helena, 707-967-0550
pressnapavalley.com

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Venice, 310-450-1429
gjelina.com

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Venice, 310-399-0711
rosecafevenice.com

Bottega

Yountville, 707-945-1050
botteganapavalley.com

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thelittlenell.com

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frascafoodandwine.com

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Denver, 720-542-3721
denveracorn.com

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Denver, 303-393-1040
barologrilldenver.com

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Denver, 303-623-3223
beastandbottle.com

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tavernettadenver.com

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doimoidc.com

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irongaterestaurantdc.com

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thegeneralmuir.com

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jctkitchen.com

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buckheadrestaurants.com/
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marcelatl.com

The Optimist

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theoptimistrestaurant.com

Sotto Sotto

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urestaurants.com

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45bistro.com

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thegreyrestaurant.com

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cafepesto.com

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fete-hawaii.com

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halekulani.com

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Honolulu, 808-923-2311
halekulani.com

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autremondecafe.net

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bandofbohemia.com

Bavette's Bar and Boeuf

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Chicago, 312-955-4226
beacontavern.com

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Chicago, 773-661-2116
boeufhaus.com

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Chicago, 773-334-9851
hopleafbar.com

Income Tax

Chicago, 773-897-9165
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joes.net

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thepurplepigchicago.com

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spiaggiarestaurant.com

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taximchicago.com

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trattoriaten.com

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islandcreekoysterbar.com

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meritagetherestaurant.com

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ilcapriccio.com

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lilianewyork.com

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bataardtribeca.com

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restauranthearth.com

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New York, 212-842-8070
indianaccent.com

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jean-georges.com

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themodernnyc.com

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New York, 212-254-3500
ssambar.momofuku.com

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New York, no phone
pasqualejones.com

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racinesny.com

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ristorantemorini.com

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shunleerestaurants.com

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uplandnyc.com

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nostrana.com

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lacroixrestaurant.com

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vernickphilly.com

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walnutstreetcafe.com

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albiernats.com

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