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CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernet sauvignon still serves as the engine of wine sales for the country, leading in the varietal sweepstakes, beating out pinot noir this year for the pole position: More than 15 percent of all bottles on the table were cabernets or cab-based blends. Needless to say, they also represent the most expensive offerings on any given list. Two of the top brands in this year's Top 50, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars and Jordan, are both cabernet houses; six of the top 12 brands, and ten of the top 20, are brands with strong cabernet programs.

Steakhouses, now a fixture on the dining landscape, clearly lead in this trend, and the trend is California, Napa in particular. "Napa cabernet has developed a spot in the consumer's brain to where it is the perfect pairing with steak," says Bill Elsey of *Pappas Bros.*, in Houston. "It's the number one place that people associate with California wine."

But there seems to be more stylistic latitude within the category, as Maxwell Eyrise, at *Five O'Clock Steakhouse* in Milwaukee, observes. "I've noticed a lot more people asking for cabernet sauvignon with more elegance and structure, moving away from wines that are just super fruit-forward, and moving towards cabernets with some spice and a peppery bite."



CHRIS RAFTERY
Gramercy Tavern
NYC

Frog's Leap is like Kistler or Littorai: If you appreciate the Old World or the New World style of wine you can appreciate Frog's Leap. We see people asking for that, cold calling, not even opening the list. Shafer gets a lot of cold calls without opening the book. Guests will order One Point Five or Hillside Select; it moves surprisingly quickly. The One Point Five is on our list for \$275 but the Hillside Select—we go through a fair amount of it and that's on the list for \$845.

MOST POPULAR CABERNET SAUVIGNONS

Rank	Brand	Bottling	Avg. Price
1	Stag's Leap Wine Cellars	Napa Valley Artemis	\$122
2	Faust	Napa Valley	\$122
3	Jordan	Alexander Valley	\$123
4	Silver Oak Wine Cellars	Alexander Valley	\$143
5	Caymus Vineyards	Napa Valley	\$164
6	Justin	Paso Robles	\$63
7	Mt. Veeder Winery	Napa Valley	\$91
8	Heitz Wine Cellars	Napa Valley	\$126
9	Frank Family	Napa Valley	\$115
10	Chateau Montelena	Napa Valley	\$104
11	Hall	Napa Valley	\$98
12	Duckhorn Vineyards	Napa Valley	\$89
13	Shafer Vineyards	Stags Leap District One Point Five	\$184
14	Katherine Goldschmidt	Alexander Valley	\$62
15	Cain Cellars	Napa Valley Cain Cuvée	\$74
	Chappellet	Napa Valley Mountain Cuvée	\$83
17	Obsidian Ridge	Red Hills Lake County	\$61
18	Beringer Vineyards	Knights Valley	\$58
	Decoy	Sonoma County	\$55

20	Woodward Canyon	Columbia Valley	\$100
		Columbia Valley Artist's Series	\$125
		Columbia Valley Nelms Road	\$49
21	Snowden	Napa Valley The Ranch	\$109
22	Buena Vista Winery	Napa Valley	\$88
		Napa Valley Chateau Buena Vista	\$68
23	Turnbull	Napa Valley	\$80
		Oakville Estate	\$110
24	Amavi	Walla Walla Valley	\$60
27	Ferrari-Carano Winery	Alexander Valley	\$81
31	Odette	Napa Valley Adaptation	\$114
		Stags Leap District	\$190
33	Gramercy Cellars	Columbia Valley	\$112
		Columbia Valley Lower East	\$72
36	Joel Gott	Napa Valley	\$32
		Napa Valley Blend No. 815	\$30
36	Opus One	Napa Valley Overture	\$243
31	Santa Carolina	Maipo Valley Reserva	\$32
31	J. Lohr	Paso Robles Seven Oaks	\$37
		Paso Robles Hilltop	\$62
31	Pine Ridge Winery	Napa Valley	\$73
33	Groth Vineyards	Oakville	\$139
		Napa Valley	\$112
33	Robert Mondavi Winery	Napa Valley	\$69
36	Stags' Leap Winery	Napa Valley	\$102
36	Cakebread Cellars	Napa Valley	\$155
36	Honig	Napa Valley	\$83
36	Trefethen Vineyards	Oak Knoll District	\$88
		Napa Valley	\$104



RESTAURANT DIRECTORY

Here are the 226 restaurants that participated in our 30th Anniversary Restaurant Poll. *Wine & Spirits* contacted wine directors at 2,312 restaurants, inviting them to fill out the poll. We've listed the respondents by state and then by city.

ARIZONA

Christo's

Phoenix, 602-264-1784
christosristorante.com

Greekfest

Phoenix, 602-265-2990
thegreekfest.com

Cafe Monarch

Scottsdale, 480-970-7682
cafemonarch.com

CALIFORNIA

Maude

Beverly Hills, 310-859-3418
mauderestaurant.com

Spago

Beverly Hills, 310-385-0880
wolfgangpuck.com

Bistango

Irvine, 949-752-5222
bistango.com

71Above

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

Broken Spanish

Los Angeles, 213-749-1460
brokenspanish.com

Dama

Los Angeles, 213-741-0612
damafashiondistrict.com

Hippo

Los Angeles, 323-545-3536
hipporestaurant.com

Il Moro

Los Angeles, 310-575-3530
ilmoro.com

Marino

Los Angeles, 323-466-8812
marinorestaurant.com

Night + Market

Los Angeles, 323-665-5899
nightmarketla.com

Otoño

Los Angeles, 323-474-6624
otonorestaurant.com

Pour Haus Wine Bar

Los Angeles, 213-327-0304
pourhauswinebar.com

Redbird

Los Angeles, 213-788-1191
redbird.la

Republique

Los Angeles, 310-362-6115
republiquesf.com

The Little Door

Los Angeles, 323-951-1210
thelittledoor.com

The Nomad

Los Angeles, 213-358-0000
thenomadhotel.com

Wolfgang Puck at Hotel Bel-Air

Los Angeles, 310-909-1644
wolfgangpuck.com

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

Buckeye Roadhouse

Mill Valley, 415-331-2600
buckeyeroadhouse.com

Bayside Restaurant

Newport Beach
949-721-1222
baysiderestaurant.com

À Côté

Oakland, 510-655-6469
acoterestaurant.com

Punchdown

Oakland, 510-788-7877
punchdownwine.com

1760

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

A16

San Francisco, 415-771-2216
a16pizza.com

Absinthe Brasserie & Bar

San Francisco, 415-551-1590
absinthe.com

Acquerello

San Francisco, 415-567-5432
acquerello.com

Benu

San Francisco, 415-685-4860
benusf.com

Californios

San Francisco, 415-757-0994
californiossf.com

Che Fico

San Francisco, 415-416-6959
chefico.com

Delfina

San Francisco, 415-552-4055
delfinasf.com

Farallon

San Francisco, 415-956-6969
farallonrestaurant.com

Foreign Cinema

San Francisco, 415-648-7600
foreigncinema.com

Frances

San Francisco, 415-621-3870
frances-sf.com

Gary Danko

San Francisco, 415-749-2060
garydanko.com

La Ciccia

San Francisco, 415-550-8114
lacicciasf.com

La Folie

San Francisco, 415-776-5577
lafolie.com

Liholiho Yacht Club

San Francisco, 415-440-5446
liholihoyachtclub.com

One Market Restaurant

San Francisco, 415-777-5577
onemarket.com

Ristorante Milano

San Francisco, 415-673-2961
milanosf.com

Tartine Manufactory

San Francisco, 415-757-0007
tartinemanufactory.com

The Barrel Room

San Francisco, 415-956-6900
barrelroomsf.com

The Morris

San Francisco, 415-612-8480
themorris-sf.com

Town Hall

San Francisco, 415-908-3900
townhallsf.com

Uma Casa

San Francisco, 415-829-2264
umacasarestaurant.com

The Black Sheep

Santa Barbara, 805-965-1113
theblacksheepsb.com

The Charter Oak

St. Helena, 707-302-6996
thecharteroak.com

The Restaurant at Meadowood

St. Helena, 707-967-1205
therestaurantatmeadowood.com

Scopa Italian Roots

Venice, 310-821-1100
scopaitalianroots.com

Va de Vi

Walnut Creek, 925-979-0100
vadevi.com

COLORADO

Frasca Food and Wine

Boulder, 303-442-6966
frascafoodandwine.com

12 @ Madison

Denver, 720-216-0190
12atmadison.com

Barolo Grill

Denver, 303-393-1040
barologrilldenver.com

Beast + Bottle

Denver, 303-623-3223
beastandbottle.com

Mercantile Dining & Provision

Denver, 720-460-3733
mercantiledenver.com

CONNECTICUT

Max a Mia

Avon, 860-677-6299
maxamiaristorante.com

Max Amore

Glastonbury, 860-659-2819
maxrestaurantgroup.com

The Ginger Man

Greenwich, 203-861-6400
gingermanct.com

Max Downtown

Hartford, 860-522-2530
maxdowntown.com

The Hopkins Inn & Restaurant

Warren, 860-868-7295
thehopkinsinn.com

Max's Oyster Bar

West Hartford, 860-236-6299
maxrestaurantgroup.com

Tavern on Main

Westport, 203-221-7222
tavernonmain.com

DC

Mirabelle

202-506-3833
mirabelledc.com

Supra

202-789-1205
supradc.com

Thip Khao

202-387-5426
thipkhao.com

FLORIDA

La Brochette Bistro

Cooper City, 954-435-9090
labrochettestbistro.com

Amara at Paraiso

Miami, 305-702-5528
amaraatparaiso.com

Casa Juancho

Miami, 305-642-2452
casajuancho.com

Michael's Genuine Food & Drink

Miami, 305-573-5550
michaelsgenuine.com

Cafe L'Europe

Palm Beach, 561-655-4020
cafeleurope.com

GEORGIA

Empire State South

Atlanta, 404-541-1105
empirestatesouth.com

**Marcel**

Atlanta, 404-665-4555
marcelatl.com

Miller Union

Atlanta, 678-733-8550
millerunion.com

Sotto Sotto

Atlanta, 404-523-6678
sottosottoatl.com

St. Cecilia

Atlanta, 404-554-9995
stceciliaatl.com

Staplehouse

Atlanta, 404-524-5005
staplehouse.com

The Optimist

Atlanta, 404-477-6260
theoptimistrestaurant.com

No. 246

Decatur, 678-399-8246
no246.com

Spring

Marietta, 678-540-2777
springmarietta.com

The Grey

Savannah, 912-662-5999
thegreyrestaurant.com

HAWAII**Fête Hawaii**

Honolulu, 808-369-1390
fete-hawaii.com

La Mer

Honolulu, 808-923-2311
halekulani.com

Orchids

Honolulu, 808-923-2311
halekulani.com

ILLINOIS**Autre Monde Cafe**

Berwyn, 708-775-8122
autremondecafe.net

Bellemore

Chicago, 312-667-0104
bellemorechicago.com

Dove's Luncheonette

Chicago, 773-645-4060
doveschicago.com

Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse

Chicago, 312-266-8999
gibsonssteakhouse.com

Joe's Seafood

Chicago, 312-379-5637
joes.net

Lawry's The Prime Rib

Chicago, 312-787-5000
lawrysonline.com

RPM Italian

Chicago, 312-222-1888
rpmrestaurants.com

The Purple Pig

Chicago, 312-464-1744
thepurplepigchicago.com

Wildfire

Chicago, 312-787-9000
wildfirerestaurant.com

LOUISIANA**Antoine's**

New Orleans, 504-581-4422
antoines.com

August

New Orleans, 504-299-9777
restaurantaugust.com

Court of Two Sisters

New Orleans, 504-522-7261
courtoftwosisters.com

Shaya

New Orleans, 504-891-4213
shayarestaurant.com

The Delachaise

New Orleans, 504-895-0858
thedelachaise.com

MAINE**Lolita**

Portland, 207-775-5652
lolita-portland.com

MARYLAND**Black Olive**

Baltimore, 410-276-7141
theblackolive.com

Chiapparelli's

Baltimore, 410-837-0309
chiapparellis.com

Tio Pepe

Baltimore, 410-539-4675
tiopepe.us

The King's Contrivance

Columbia, 410-995-0500
greatfoodmd.com

Linwoods

Owings Mills, 410-356-3030
linwoods.com

MASSACHUSETTS**Abe & Louie's**

Boston, 617-536-6300
abeandlouies.com

Neptune Oyster

Boston, 617-742-3474
neptuneoyster.com

Loyal Nine

Cambridge, 617-945-2576
loyalninecambridge.com

Puritan & Company

Cambridge, 617-615-6195
puritancambridge.com

Cape Sea Grille

Harwich Port, 508-432-4745
capeseagrille.com

Il Capriccio

Waltham, 781-894-2234
ilcapricciowaltham.com

MICHIGAN**Roast**

Detroit, 313-961-2500
roastdetroit.com

Selden Standard

Detroit, 313-438-5055
seldenstandard.com

Bridge Street Social

DeWitt, 517-668-1837
bridgestreetsocial.com

MINNESOTA**Lake Elmo Inn**

Lake Elmo, 651-777-8495
lakeelmoinn.com

Gardens of Salonica

Minneapolis, 612-378-0611
gardensofsalonica.com

The Bachelor Farmer

Minneapolis, 612-206-3920
thebachelorfarmer.com

MISSOURI**Sidney St. Cafe**

St. Louis, 314-771-5777
sidneystreetcafeatl.com

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lotusofsiamlv.com

Mesa Grill

Las Vegas, 877-346-4642
mesagrill.com

NEW JERSEY**Restaurant Latour**

Hamburg, 855-977-6473
crystalgolfresort.com

The Frog and The Peach

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732-846-3216
frogandpeach.com

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Santa Fe, 505-988-3236
rosewoodhotels.com

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Santa Fe, 505-982-1500
geronimorestaurant.com

Santacafé

Santa Fe, 505-984-1788
santacafe.com

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Brooklyn, 718-422-0065
lavarany.com

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Brooklyn, 718-386-4009
opsbk.com

Saint Julivert

Brooklyn, 347-987-3710
saintjulivertbk.com

The River Café

Brooklyn, 718-522-5200
rivercafe.com

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Huntington, 631-424-5592
piccolorestaurant.net

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New York, 212-203-2121
acmenyc.com

Ai Fiori

New York, 212-613-8660
aiflori NYC.com

Aldo Sohm Wine Bar

New York, 212-554-1143
aldosohmwinebar.com

Amali

New York, 212-339-8363
amal NYC.com

Amali Mou

New York, 646-747-0818
amalimou NYC.com

Atomix

New York, no phone
atomix NYC.com

Babbo

New York, 212-777-0303
babbo NYC.com

Balthazar

New York, 212-925-5340
balthazar NYC.com

Bar Jamón

New York, 212-253-2773
casamononyc.com

Batard

New York, 212-219-2777
batardtribeca.com

Blue Hill

New York, 212-539-1776
bluehillfarm.com

Buddakan

New York, 212-989-6699
buddakannyc.com

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New York, 212-729-1850
clay NYC.com

Craft

New York, 212-780-0880
craftrestaurant.com

Daniel

New York, 212-288-0033
daniel NYC.com

Del Posto

New York, 212-497-8090
delposto.com

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New York, 212-206-6900
elquintopinonyc.com

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New York, 212-213-4420
ferrisnyc.com

Gabriel Kreuther
New York, 212-257-5826
gkny.com

Gramercy Tavern
New York, 212-477-0777
gramercytavern.com

Keens Steakhouse
New York, 212-947-3636
keens.com

Kilo
New York, 212-707-8770
nyckilo.com

King
New York, 917-825-1618
kingrestaurant.nyc

La Compagnie des Vins Surnaturels
New York, 212-343-3660
compagnienyc.com

Le Bernardin
New York, 212-554-1515
le-bernardin.com

Marea
New York, 212-582-5100
marea-nyc.com

Molyvos
New York, 212-582-7500
molyvos.com

Noreetuh
New York, 646-892-3050
noreetuh.com

Nur
New York, 212-505-3420
nurnyc.com

Pasquale Jones
New York, no phone
pasqualejones.com

Raoul's
New York, 212-966-3518
raouls.com

Ruffian
New York, 212-777-0855
ruffiannyc.com

Shun Lee Palace
New York, 212-371-8844
shunleerestaurants.com

The Modern
New York, 212-333-1220
themodernnyc.com

The Nomad
New York, 212-796-1500
thenomadhotel.com

The Simone
New York, 212-772-8861
simonenyc.com

Toro
New York, 212-691-2360
toro-nyc.com

Tribeca Grill
New York, 212-941-3900
myriadrestaurantgroup.com

Txikito
New York, 212-242-4730
txikitonyc.com

Union Square Cafe
New York, 212-634-4020
unionsquarecafe.com

Untitled
New York, 212-570-3670
untitledatthewhitney.com

Upland
New York, 212-686-1006
uplandnyc.com

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Stoke Charlotte
Charlotte, 704-353-6005
stokecharlotte.com

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Durham, 919-973-0111
copadurham.com

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Pittsboro, 919-542-2121
fearrington.com

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pologrill.com

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tinadundee.com

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andinareastaurant.com

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Portland, 971-271-7166
barvivant.com

Caffe Mingo
Portland, 503-223-5776
caffemingtonw.com

Coquine
Portland, 503-384-2483
coquinepdx.com

Davenport
Portland, 503-236-8747
davenportpdx.com

Enoteca Nostrana
Portland, 503-236-7006
enotecanostrana.com

Ned Ludd
Portland, 503-288-6900
nedluddpdx.com

Nostrana
Portland, 503-234-2427
nostrana.com

Olympia Provisions Southeast
Portland, 503-954-3663
olympiaprovisions.com

Shift Drinks
Portland, 503-922-3933
shiftdrinkspx.com

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Yangming
Bryn Mawr, 610-527-3200
yangmingrestaurant.com

Fork
Philadelphia, 215-625-9425
forkrestaurant.com

Lacroix at The Rittenhouse
Philadelphia, 215-790-2533
lacroixrestaurant.com

Vernick Food & Drink
Philadelphia, 267-639-6644
vernickphilly.com

SOUTH CAROLINA

Husk
Charleston, 843-577-2500
huskrestaurant.com

Le Farfalle
Charleston, 843-212-0920
lefarfallecharleston.com

Leon's Oyster Shop
Charleston, 843-531-6500
leonsoystershop.com

McCrary's
Charleston, 843-577-0025
mccradsrestaurant.com

Stems & Skins
North Charleston
843-805-4809
stemsandskins.com

TENNESSEE

Bastion
Nashville, 615-490-8434
bastionnashville.com

Henrietta Red
Nashville, 615-490-8042
henriettared.com

TEXAS

Bufalina
Austin, 512-524-2523
bufalinapizza.com

Foreign & Domestic
Austin, 512-459-1010
fndaustin.com

Lenoir
Austin, 512-215-9778
lenoirrestaurant.com

Ill Forks
Dallas, 972-267-1776
3forks.com

13 Celsius
Houston, 713-529-8466
13celsius.com

Camerata at Paulie's
Houston, 713-522-8466
pauliesrestaurant.com

Damian's Cucina Italiana
Houston, 713-522-0439
damians.com

Hugo's
Houston, 713-524-7744
hugosrestaurant.net

Pappas Bros. Steakhouse
Houston, 713-658-1995
pappasbros.com

State of Grace
Houston, 832-942-5080
stateofgracex.com

Truluck's
Houston, 713-783-7270
trulucks.com

Ácenar
San Antonio, 210-222-2362
acenar.com

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse
San Antonio, 210-824-9463
flemingssteakhouse.com

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Aqua by El Gaucho
Seattle, 206-956-9171
elgaucho.com

Canlis
Seattle, 206-283-3313
canlis.com

Elliott's Oyster House
Seattle, 206-623-4340
elliottsoysterhouse.com

Metropolitan Grill
Seattle, 206-624-3287
themetropolitangrill.com

Purple Café & Wine Bar
Seattle, 206-829-2280
purplecafe.com

RN74 Seattle
Seattle, 206-456-7474
michaelmina.net

Salty's
Seattle, 206-937-1600
saltys.com

The Walrus and the Carpenter
Seattle, 206-395-9227
thewalrusbar.com

WISCONSIN

L'Etoile
Madison, 608-251-0500
letoile-restaurant.com

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carnevor.com

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Milwaukee, 414-342-3553
fiveoclocksteakhouse.com

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eddiemartinis.com