

Area restaurants honored for wine selections

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Three area restaurants that Salem residents may be familiar with received Wine Spectator's 2013 Restaurant Wine List Awards, to be published in the August issue. They were: Bentley's Grill in Salem, The Bay House in Lincoln City, and The Joel Palmer House in Dayton.

The Joel Palmer House won a Best of Award of Excellence.

Wine Spectator has honored the world's best wine lists since 1981. According to the magazine, this year, 2,870 restaurants earned the program's entry-level Award of Excellence, which recognizes a wine list offering an interesting and diverse selection of 100 or more wines that are well-presented and thematically match the restaurant's cuisine in both price and style. Another 850 restaurants earned the Best of Award of Excellence—the program's middle tier award—for offering a wine list of 400 or more quality selections with significant vintage depth or superior breadth in one or more major wine regions.

The Grand Award represents the program's top tier restaurants. Those in this elite group—representing 12 countries and 16 U.S. states—typically offer 1,500 or more selections, with excellent breadth and depth in many of the wine world's major regions. To search the full list online, go to winespectator.com/restaurants/search.