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## 11 Capital Wine Lists To Try in Washington, D.C.

It's no surprise that dining is fit for global leaders and dignitaries in Washington, D.C., which offers both classic and innovative restaurants. If you're in town on April 28 for *Wine Spectator's* Washington, D.C., Grand Tour—or any occasion when you want to eat and drink well—here are 11 dining destinations whose wine lists offer impressive breadth and depth across many regions, styles and vintages. [Tickets are still available for the Grand Tour](#), where 244 of the world's finest wineries will pour one of their best wines, each rated 90 points or higher. [Check out the best places to drink in the capital!](#)



Each South African winemaker makes his case.

## Video: Chenin Blanc Vs. Pinotage Showdown!

What happens when two winemakers from South Africa's Stellenbosch match wits while describing their favorite varietals? Enjoy the vinous battle between Carl van der Merwe of De Morgenzen and Abrie Beeslaar from Kanonkop. Plus, bonus video [tips on pairing with Chenin](#) and [with Pinotage](#). Check out [our new video!](#)



### WINE OF THE WEEK

#### Ferrari Brut Trento NV

**90 points / \$26 / 200,000 cases made**

Fresh and balanced, with a fine, lacy bead and a streak of salinity underscoring the Asian pear, ground ginger, hazelnut and lemon zest notes. Very drinkable. Drink now through 2019. From Italy.—*Alison Napjus*

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## Bordeaux 2015 Barrel-Tasting Diary

*Wine Spectator* senior editor James Molesworth was in France for his 2015 vintage Bordeaux barrel tastings. (*WineSpectator.com* members [can get his scores.](#)) While there, he visited the châteaux of some of the region's top estates, including [Pétrus](#), [Cheval-Blanc](#), [Vieux Château Certan](#), [Haut-Brion](#) and many, many more. [Read his impressions!](#)

• **JACKSON FAMILY WINES ACQUIRES OREGON'S PENNER-ASH WINE CELLARS**  
 The big California wine company continues its Oregon expansion with Lynn Penner-Ash's top-quality Pinot Noir winery. [What does it mean for the winery's future?](#)

• **CALIFORNIA WINEMAKER DENIS MALBEC, 46, DIES IN CRASH**  
 Born into a winemaking family at Château Latour, the enologist embraced California wine, working in Sonoma and Napa. [Read about his life.](#)

• **HOW TO MAKE A WEIRD WINE RIGHT**  
 In California, Wrath's Michael Thomas proves wacky pipe dreams can be worth pursuing, with a most unlikely grape.

• **STAR SOMMELIER KEVIN VOGT LEAVING EMERIL LAGASSE'S RESTAURANTS**  
 After 20 years presiding over one of the world's best wine programs, Vogt is ready for new vinous challenges. [Find out what's next for him!](#)

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