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Celebrity Cruises Sweeps *Wine Spectator* Restaurant Awards Five Years Running

The modern luxury cruise line now holds 48 Wine Spectator Awards – more than any other cruise line in the world

MIAMI, FL – July 10, 2017 – For the fifth year running, Celebrity Cruises' one-of-a-kind [wine program](#) has been recognized by the [Wine Spectator](#) Restaurant Awards, claiming nine awards in 2017. Celebrity's entire fleet of ocean vessels were awarded, making the brand's wine collection the most awarded at sea.

The renowned publication recognizes wine lists which "feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style." This is the fifth year that cruise lines have been included in the awards, which have been used to recognize the world's best wine lists since 1981.

"It's a great honor for our incredible wine program to continue its winning streak and claim an additional nine awards, remaining the most awarded collection at sea," said Brian Abel, Vice President, Hotel Operations, Celebrity Cruises. "Celebrity Cruises is committed to offering an unrivaled, truly distinct experience onboard our ships, and these wins reaffirm our commitment. From our expansive wine collection, luxurious accommodations, world-class cuisine, and renowned hospitality, Celebrity truly is one-of-a-kind."

"Restaurants continue to raise their game when it comes to wine, and we are particularly proud to present this year's winners," said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, Wine Spectator. "As wine becomes more important to diners, the Awards program is thriving—with an increasing number of entries, as well as growing print, digital and social audiences. *Wine Spectator* congratulates each and every award winner."

Celebrity's main dining room wine lists host over 300 prestigious labels, including Tignanello, Grgich Hills, Caymus Special Selection, and Guigal Cote Rotie. Celebrity's wine menus are continually updated in order to keep the offerings fresh and exciting, featuring an extensive global collection of fine wines, which match both the modern luxury brand's globally influenced blend of classic and contemporary cuisine, and the diverse destinations it visits across the seven continents of the world.

Onboard, a team of Sommeliers navigates guests through the award-winning wine lists, guiding them to new and exciting choices. The modern luxury brand's teams also participate in ongoing education to keep them primed in wine theory, vintages, regional/variety technicalities and, of course, food and wine pairings.

Celebrity offers a variety of onboard activities and experiences that immerse guests in wine education and enjoyment. These include Riedel comparative wine glass workshops, wine and food pairing events, wine tastings and more.

About Celebrity Cruises:

Celebrity Cruises' iconic "X" is the mark of modern luxury, with its cool, contemporary design and warm spaces; dining experiences where the design of the venues is as important as the cuisine; and the amazing service that only Celebrity can provide, all created to provide an unmatched experience for vacationers' precious time. Celebrity Cruises' 12 ships offer modern luxury vacations visiting all seven continents. Celebrity also presents incredible cruise tour experiences in Alaska and Canada. Celebrity is one of five cruise brands operated by global cruise vacation company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE: RCL). For more information, dial 1-800-437-3111, visit www.celebritycruises.com, or call your travel agent.

About Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator is the world's leading authority on wine. Anchored by *Wine Spectator* magazine, a print publication that reaches more than 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web's most comprehensive wine site (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 18,000 wines each year. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes *Cigar Aficionado*, *Whisky Advocate*, *Market Watch*, *Shanken News Daily* and *Shanken's Impact Newsletter*.

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