

## **CELEBRITY CRUISES HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS 2020 WINE SPECTATOR AWARDS**

### **Line Continues its Streak as the Most Awarded Wine Collection at Sea, with 77 Awards in Eight Years**

**MIAMI – July 3, 2020** – The awards continue to pour in for [Celebrity Cruises'](#) distinctive onboard wine program.

The 2020 [Wine Spectator Restaurant Awards](#) has bestowed twelve awards to Celebrity, including two distinguished “Best of Awards of Excellence” for its unique wine lists on restaurants throughout its fleet. Since *Wine Spectator* began including cruise line restaurants in their annual “Awards of Excellence” in 2013, Celebrity has dominated the category and now, by far, holds more awards from the world’s leading authority on wine than any other cruise line. It is also the only cruise line ever awarded *Wine Spectator’s* “Best of Award of Excellence,” and is among a small, elite group of 82 establishments in the world that have received awards for the past eight consecutive years. *Wine Spectator* annually recognizes restaurant wine lists which feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style.

All of the main dining room restaurants on ships in both Celebrity’s *Millennium Series* and *Solstice Series* received this year’s “Award of Excellence.” Fine Cut, the modern, sophisticated steakhouse on the line’s newest ship, *Celebrity Apex*, became Celebrity’s first specialty restaurant to win an “Award of Excellence.”

In addition, two of the main dining room restaurants on ships from Celebrity’s newest, groundbreaking *Edge Series* – *Celebrity Apex* and *Celebrity Edge* – received the coveted “Best of Award of Excellence.” *Celebrity Edge* has now received this honor for two consecutive years.

“Celebrity’s over-arching culinary philosophy is finesse, and we view our wine lists as an important detail in our guests’ culinary journey with us. We take great pride in curating a collection of wines that not only complement our world-class menus but that are as diverse as the destinations we visit across all seven continents,” said Brian Abel, senior vice president of Hotel Operations for Celebrity Cruises. “To continually be recognized by *Wine Spectator* is an honor and a testament to the unique experience we have created. We can’t wait to welcome our guests back onboard and toast together in celebration.”

“This year’s Wine Spectator Restaurant Award program celebrates restaurants’ resilience, dedication and bravery during these unprecedented times,” said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, *Wine Spectator*. “We hope that all of our award winners and the people who make them special will find their way through the crisis to once again welcome us through their doors. We look forward to raising a glass together, and to new beginnings.”

The list of 2020 Celebrity Cruises Wine Spectator Awards include:

- *Celebrity Apex* – Cyprus (“Best of Award of Excellence”) and *Fine Cut* (“Award of Excellence”)
- *Celebrity Edge* – Normandie (“Best of Award of Excellence,” since 2019)
- *Celebrity Constellation* – San Marco (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Eclipse* – Moonlight Sonata (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Equinox* – Silhouette (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Infinity* – Trellis (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Millennium* – Metropolitan (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Reflection* – Opus (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Silhouette* – Grand Cuvee (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Solstice* – Grand Epernay (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)
- *Celebrity Summit* – Cosmopolitan (“Award of Excellence,” since 2013)

With more than 500 selections from the world’s most sought-after wine regions and some of the most acclaimed labels, Celebrity Cruises offers one of the largest wine collections at sea. An educated and knowledgeable team of Sommeliers onboard every ship help navigate the options and offer a variety of experiences that immerse guests in wine education and enjoyment including:

- Blendtique™ Custom Crafted Winemaking - wine blending classes that turn guests into vintners, creating one-of-a-kind wine blends that can be bottled onboard and customized with personal labels
- World Wine Tours – opportunities to sample different wines from across the globe and learn about regional and varietal technicalities
- Food and Wine Pairing Workshops – samples of contrasting pairings to teach the fundamentals of food and wine chemistry and the way food and wine interact
- Destination Wine Tours – immersions into beautiful regional wine-producing areas around the world, including winery tours and tastings

For more information on all Celebrity Cruises offerings, call 1-800-437-3111, visit [www.celebritycruises.com](http://www.celebritycruises.com), or speak with a travel advisor.

### **About Wine Spectator:**

Wine Spectator is the world's leading authority on wine. Anchored by Wine Spectator magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web's most comprehensive wine site ([WineSpectator.com](http://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 review of more than 15,000 wines each year. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes *Cigar Aficionado*, *Whiskey Advocate*, *MarketWatch*, *Shanken News Daily* and *Shanken's Impact Newsletter*.

### **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' 14 ships offer modern luxury vacations visiting all seven continents. Celebrity also presents incredible Cruisetour experiences in Alaska and Canada. Celebrity is one of six cruise brands operated by global cruise vacation company Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (NYSE: RCL).