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-  **Olive & Ivy Restaurant + Marketplace**  
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480.751.2200, [www.foxrc.com](http://www.foxrc.com)
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[www.talkingrockclub.com](http://www.talkingrockclub.com)
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[www.verdevalleywineco.com](http://www.verdevalleywineco.com)

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[www.thebarrelroomsandiego.com](http://www.thebarrelroomsandiego.com)
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**RESTAURANT WINE TRENDS: 2008  
WHAT MAKES US A WINE-DRINKING NATION?**

In 2008, the U.S. achieved quite a milestone: we became the largest consumer of wine in the world. Since we are usually regarded as a nation of beer and soda drinkers, this is an extraordinary feat. In order to go from swilling suds to sipping Sauvignon Blanc, many people in many places had to communicate both information and enthusiasm about the pleasures of drinking wine. There were wine stories on the Internet, feature articles in epicurean magazines, advertisements and word of mouth, but certainly one of the most effective sources of this information was, and is, the restaurant. Sommeliers, owners, chefs, waitstaff: better educated themselves, they are more effective than ever at explaining how wine enhances the dining experience. And this increased interest is not just happening in big cities on both coasts; it's happening in smaller towns, all over the U.S..

Every year, our applications demonstrate an increase in by-the-glass selections; improved wine storage, stemware and waitstaff education; more wine events with imaginative pairings of wine and food; and more frequent updating of wine lists, with a wider range of choices. Beyond those, here are some additional trends that we noted this year.

**Increasing interest in unfamiliar wines.**

Diners are more adventurous and interested in experimenting with wines from different parts of the world. Miles away from ABC wines, more lists now contain Malbec and Torrontés from Argentina; Vinho Verde and Touriga Nacional from Portugal; and Grüner Veltliner from Austria.

**Specific aperitif, cocktail, spirit & dessert wine menus.**

In addition to experimenting with a wider range of wines to accompany the meal, patrons are showing more interest in alcoholic beverages to open and close the meal. Several places feature elaborate cocktail menus featuring squeezed-on-the-spot juices, from veggies as well as fruit, mixed with exotic spirits and wines. Some even list the name of the in-house "mixologist" on their bar menu. Other lists focus on a specific spirit—Tequila, Bourbon or gin—served in imaginative and appropriate glassware. And some feature a category of high-end spirits: Single-malt Scotch, Cognac, Armagnac and Kentucky small-batch Bourbon. Dessert wines are also entering the spotlight. Port, Madeira, Sauternes, botrytized and late-harvest wines are given their own section on the wine list. And these after-dinner treats do not only come from the usual countries of origin (Portugal and France); they also hail from California, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

**Restaurant chains encourage tasting.**

Large, value restaurant chains are stressing

wine education for their staff and for patrons. The goal of one national chain, which has 100 wines by the glass, is "to serve each and every guest a glass of wine and introduce guests to as many different selections as possible."

**Sample more for less.**

As part of their desire to spread the word about the pleasures of wine, restaurants are offering several ways of tasting more wines at a lower cost. These include wine flights; half-price bottles on a particular night of the week; higher-end wines poured by the glass; and different sizes for different prices: a splash (1 oz), taste (3 oz) or pour (6 oz).

**Increased number and variety of wine events.**

Several restaurants have their own wine clubs, some with a few hundred members. They offer educational tasting seminars, often with winemakers. Others offer winemaker dinners and well-priced multi-course tasting menus. And there is a wide range of charity events that are focused on wine and food tastings.

**Friendly, un-intimidating service.**

The days of the snobby sommelier are past. Today's beverage specialist is younger, better educated and more enthusiastic than ever before. When advising on wine selections, they ask customers not only about the entrée they're considering, but also about taste preferences and budget. It becomes a shared adventure.

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[www.palominorestaurants.com](http://www.palominorestaurants.com)

## Delaware

**Green Room at the Hotel  
du Pont**  
11th & Market St., Wilmington  
302.594.3154  
[www.hoteldupont.com](http://www.hoteldupont.com)

## District of Columbia

**BLT Steak**  
1625 Eye St. NW, Washington  
202.689.8999  
[www.bltsteak.com](http://www.bltsteak.com)

**Café Promenade**  
1127 Connecticut Ave NW,  
Washington  
202.776.9301  
[www.cafepromenade.com](http://www.cafepromenade.com)

**Rasika Restaurant**  
633 D St. NW, Washington  
202.637.1222  
[www.rasikarestaurant.com](http://www.rasikarestaurant.com)

## Florida

**Belleair Grill and Wine Bar**  
1575 S. Fort Harrison Ave.,  
Clearwater  
727.449.2988  
[www.belleairgrill.com](http://www.belleairgrill.com)

**Bleu Provence**  
1234 8th St. South, Naples  
239.261.8239  
[www.bleuprovincenaples.com](http://www.bleuprovincenaples.com)

**Brett's Waterway Café**  
1 S. Front St., Fernandina Beach  
904.261.2660  
[www.brettswaterwaycafe.com](http://www.brettswaterwaycafe.com)

**Café & Bar Lurcat**  
494 Fifth Ave. S., Naples  
239.213.3357  
[www.cafelurcat.com](http://www.cafelurcat.com)

**Café Boulud**  
301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach  
561.655.6060  
[www.danielnyc.com](http://www.danielnyc.com)

**Café Martorano**  
3343 E. Oakland Park Blvd.,  
Fort Lauderdale  
954.561.2554  
[www.cafemartorano.com](http://www.cafemartorano.com)

**California Grill**  
4600 N. World Drive, Lake  
Buena Vista  
407.939.3463, [www.disney.com](http://www.disney.com)

**Campielo**  
1177 Third St. S., Naples  
239.435.1166  
[www.campielo.damico.com](http://www.campielo.damico.com)

**Charley's Steakhouse**  
4444 W. Cypress St., Tampa  
813.353.9706  
[www.charleyssteakhouse.com](http://www.charleyssteakhouse.com)

**Charley's Steakhouse**  
8255 International Dr., Orlando  
407.363.0228  
[www.charleyssteakhouse.com](http://www.charleyssteakhouse.com)



**What makes  
people come  
back for more?**

"The comment I hear most often from guests is how they love the special touches that we add to their meal—on us! Our signature giant gruyere popovers welcome you at the start of the meal and our warm chocolate espresso cookies wish you farewell. Even guests who drop in for a drink at the bar are offered a complimentary selection of smoked almonds, spiced popcorn and an assortment of olives to complement their drinks"  
— Chef Laurent Tourondel, BLT Steak, Los Angeles, CA



**We asked chefs at some of our award winning restaurants this question:**

**"In this troubled economy, what is that one special or memorable element of your restaurant that makes people come back for more?"**

**You'll find their answers on the following pages.**

**"We are going to treat you like the TV show Cheers, where everyone knows your name and you become a guest for life. But let's face it, our lobster shooters definitely help!"**

—Chef Kent Rathbun, Abacus, Dallas, TX

**Clearwater Wine Co. Wine Bar & Bistro**  
483 Mandalay Ave.,  
Clearwater Beach  
727.446.8805  
[www.clearwaterwinecompany.com](http://www.clearwaterwinecompany.com)

**Columbia Restaurant**  
2117 E. 7th Ave., Tampa  
813.248.4961  
[www.columbiarestaurant.com](http://www.columbiarestaurant.com)

**Commander's Palace**  
34 Harbor Blvd., Destin  
850.337.8555  
[www.commanderspalace.com](http://www.commanderspalace.com)

**Corks on 5th**  
862 5th Ave. S., Naples  
239.403.7770  
[www.corkson5th.com](http://www.corkson5th.com)

**The Fireside Room**  
26660 Country Club Drive,  
Bonita Springs  
239.949.5096  
[www.bonitabay.com](http://www.bonitabay.com)

**FishBones**  
7005 County Rd. 46A,  
Lake Mary  
407.581.2399  
[www.fishbonesrestaurants.com](http://www.fishbonesrestaurants.com)

**FishBones**  
6707 Sand Lake Rd., Orlando  
407.352.0135  
[www.fishbonesrestaurants.com](http://www.fishbonesrestaurants.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
600 Grand Blvd., Sandestin  
850.269.0830  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
4322 W. Boy Scout Blvd., Tampa  
813.874.9463  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
2001 Siesta Drive, Sarasota  
941.358.9463  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd.,  
Coral Gables  
305.569.7995  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
8985 Tamiami Trail N., Naples  
239.598.2424  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
933 N. Orlando Ave.,  
Winter Park  
407.699.9463  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**Forté Di Asprinio**  
225 Clematis St., West  
Palm Beach  
561.833.3330  
[www.fortepalmbeach.com](http://www.fortepalmbeach.com)

**Island Way Grill**  
20 Island Way, Clearwater Beach  
727.461.6617  
[www.islandwaygrill.com](http://www.islandwaygrill.com)

**Johnnie's Hideaway**  
12551 State Rd. 535, Orlando  
407.827.1111  
[www.johnnieshideaway.com](http://www.johnnieshideaway.com)

**Malio's Prime**  
400 N. Ashley Drive, Tampa  
813.223.7746  
[www.maliosprime.com](http://www.maliosprime.com)

**Marcello's La Sirena**  
6316 S. Dixie Highway, West  
Palm Beach  
561.585.3128  
[www.lasirenaonline.com](http://www.lasirenaonline.com)

**Marlin Grill**  
9100 Baytowne Wharf Blvd.,  
Sandestin  
850.351.1990  
[www.marlingrill.com](http://www.marlingrill.com)

**The Melting Pot**  
10374 W. Sample Rd.,  
Coral Springs  
954.755.6368  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)

**MoonFish**  
7525 W. Sand Lake Rd., Orlando  
407.363.7262  
[www.fishfusion.com](http://www.fishfusion.com)

**New Orleans Creole Cookery**  
110 Cannery Lane, Destin  
850.351.1885  
[www.neworleanscreolecookery.com](http://www.neworleanscreolecookery.com)

**Paradiso Ristorante**  
625 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth  
561.547.2500  
[www.paradisolakeworth.com](http://www.paradisolakeworth.com)

**Pisces Rising**  
239 W. Fourth Ave.,  
Mount Dora  
352.385.2669  
[www.piscesrisingdining.com](http://www.piscesrisingdining.com)

**Poppy's Seafood Factory**  
138 Fisherman's Cove, Destin  
850.351.1996  
[www.poppysseafoodfactory.com](http://www.poppysseafoodfactory.com)

**Rustic Steak**  
129 W. Church St., Orlando  
407.843.6650  
[www.rusticsteak.com](http://www.rusticsteak.com)

**Saltwater Cafe**  
1071 Tamiami Trail, Nokomis  
941.488.3775  
[www.saltwatercafe.com](http://www.saltwatercafe.com)

**SideBern's**  
2208 W. Morrison Ave., Tampa  
813.258.2233  
[www.sideberns.com](http://www.sideberns.com)

**Spice Modern Steakhouse**  
407 E. Central Blvd., Orlando  
407.481.9533  
[www.spicesteakhouse.com](http://www.spicesteakhouse.com)

**Spice Modern Steakhouse**  
326 S. Park Ave., Winter Park  
407.772.8176  
[www.spicesteakhouse.com](http://www.spicesteakhouse.com)

**The Trapiche Room**  
1109 Brickell Ave., Miami  
305.329.3656  
[www.marriot.com](http://www.marriot.com)

**Vito's Chop House**  
8633 International Drive,  
Orlando  
407.354.2467  
[www.vitoschophouse.com](http://www.vitoschophouse.com)

**Wine Exchange**  
1609 Snow Ave., Tampa  
813.254.9463  
[www.wineexchangetampa.com](http://www.wineexchangetampa.com)

**Zampieri's Harbor Grille**  
320 Highway 98 E, Destin  
850.650.3900  
[www.HarborGrille.net](http://www.HarborGrille.net)

## Georgia

**Atlanta Grill**  
181 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta  
404.659.0400  
[www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com)

**Babette's Cafe**  
573 N. Highland Ave., Atlanta  
404.523.9121  
[www.babettescafe.com](http://www.babettescafe.com)

**Canoe**  
4199 Paces Ferry Rd. NW,  
Atlanta  
770.432.2663  
[www.canoeatl.com](http://www.canoeatl.com)

**ENO**  
800 Peachtree St., Atlanta  
404.685.3191  
[www.enorestaurant.com](http://www.enorestaurant.com)

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
4501 Olde Perimeter Way, Atlanta  
770.698.8112  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

**The Melting Pot**  
2500 Cobb Place Lane,  
Kennesaw  
770.425.1411  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)

**The Melting Pot**  
3610 Satellite Blvd. NW, Duluth  
770.623.1290  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)

**The Melting Pot**  
754 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta  
404.389.0099  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)

### What makes people come back for more?

"When hard times hit Main Street, one of the best places to find comfort and camaraderie is your favorite local restaurant. Supporting locally owned restaurants keeps money in the local economy, keeps people employed, and helps strengthen community bonds. It's not about gimmicks or coupons; it's about the real value of food and the people we share it with."

*Chef Justin Kruger, Executive Chef, La Rambla, McMinnville, OR*

"In this troubled economy, what is needed more than in more prosperous times is escapism. When our guests come in they are treated like royalty. They are pampered with fantastic food, wine and service. They indulge in impossibly decadent dishes like lobster with white truffle and gnocchi that melt on the tongue and they are allowed to forget their worries, if only for a little while."

*Chef John Occhiato, D'Amico Cucina, Minneapolis, MN*

- The Melting Pot**  
1055 Mansell Rd., Roswell  
770.518.4100  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)
- Nikolai's Roof**  
255 Courtland St. NE, Atlanta  
404.221.6362  
[www.nikolaisroof.com](http://www.nikolaisroof.com)
- Repast**  
620 N. Glen Iris Drive, Atlanta  
404.870.8707  
[www.repastrestaurant.com](http://www.repastrestaurant.com)
- Ruth's Chris Steak House**  
5788 Roswell Rd. NW,  
Sandy Springs  
404.255.0035  
[www.ruthschris.com](http://www.ruthschris.com)

- Ruth's Chris Steak House**  
267 Marietta St., Atlanta  
404.223.6500  
[www.ruthschris.com](http://www.ruthschris.com)
- Ruth's Chris Steak House**  
3285 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta  
404.365.0660  
[www.ruthschris.com](http://www.ruthschris.com)
- Taverna Fiorentina**  
3324 Cobb Parkway, Atlanta  
770.272.9825  
[www.tavernafiorentina.com](http://www.tavernafiorentina.com)
- Toulouse**  
2293 Peachtree Rd. NE, Atlanta  
404.351.9533  
[www.toulouserestaurant.com](http://www.toulouserestaurant.com)

## Hawaii

- Castaway Café**  
45 Kai Ala Drive, Lahaina  
808.661.9091  
[www.castawaycafe.com](http://www.castawaycafe.com)
- Lahaina Grill**  
127 Lahainaluna Rd., Lahaina  
808.667.5117  
[www.lahainagrill.com](http://www.lahainagrill.com)
- Longhi's Wailea**  
3750 Wailea Ala Nui Dr.,  
Wailea, Maui  
808.891.8883  
[www.Longhis.com](http://www.Longhis.com)

## Illinois

- avec**  
615 W. Randolph St., Chicago  
312.377.2002  
[www.avecrestaurant.com](http://www.avecrestaurant.com)
- Bella Bacino's**  
36 S. LaGrange Rd., La Grange  
708.352.8882  
[www.bacinos.com](http://www.bacinos.com)
- Blue Water Grill**  
520 N. Dearborn St., Chicago  
312.777.1400  
[www.brguestrestaurants.com](http://www.brguestrestaurants.com)
- Cafe Matou**  
1846 N. Milwaukee Ave.,  
Chicago  
773.384.8911  
[www.cafematou.com](http://www.cafematou.com)
- Courtright's Restaurant**  
8989 S. Archer Ave.,  
Willow Springs  
708.839.8000  
[www.courtright.com](http://www.courtright.com)

- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
960 Milwaukee Ave.,  
Lincolnshire  
847.793.0333  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
25 E. Ohio St., Chicago  
312.329.9463  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)
- Fried Green Tomatoes**  
213 N. Main St., Galena  
815.777.3938  
[www.friedgreen.com](http://www.friedgreen.com)
- Le Titi De Paris**  
1015 W. Dundee Rd.,  
Arlington Heights  
847.506.0222  
[www.letitideparis.com](http://www.letitideparis.com)
- Mike Ditka's**  
2 Mid America Plaza,  
Oakbrook Terrace  
630.572.2200  
[www.mikeditkaschicago.com](http://www.mikeditkaschicago.com)
- Mike Ditka's**  
100 E. Chestnut, Chicago  
312.587.8989  
[www.mikeditkaschicago.com](http://www.mikeditkaschicago.com)
- Niche Restaurant**  
14 S. Third St., Geneva  
630.262.1000  
[www.nichegeneva.com](http://www.nichegeneva.com)
- NoMI**  
800 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago  
312.239.4030  
[www.nomirestaurant.com](http://www.nomirestaurant.com)
- one sixtyblue**  
1400 W. Randolph St., Chicago  
312.850.0303  
[www.onesixtyblue.com](http://www.onesixtyblue.com)
- Pane Caldo**  
72 E. Walton St., Chicago  
312.649.0055  
[www.pane-caldo.com](http://www.pane-caldo.com)
- Rhapsody**  
65 E. Adams St., Chicago  
312.786.9911  
[www.rhapsodychicago.com](http://www.rhapsodychicago.com)
- Salpicón**  
1252 N. Wells St., Chicago  
312.988.7811  
[www.salpicon.com](http://www.salpicon.com)
- Sola**  
3868 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
773.327.3868  
[www.sola-restaurant.com](http://www.sola-restaurant.com)

- The Tavern**  
519 N. Milwaukee Ave.,  
Libertyville  
847.367.5755  
[www.tavernlibertyville.com](http://www.tavernlibertyville.com)
- Vivere**  
71 W. Monroe St., Chicago  
312.332.4040  
[www.vivere-chicago.com](http://www.vivere-chicago.com)
- The Woodlands Restaurant at Eagle Ridge**  
444 Eagle Ridge Drive, Galena  
815.776.5062  
[www.eagleridge.com](http://www.eagleridge.com)

## Indiana

- Eddie Merlot's**  
3645 E. 96th St., Indianapolis  
317.846.8303  
[www.eddiemerlots.com](http://www.eddiemerlots.com)
- Eddie Merlot's**  
1502 Illinois Rd. S., Fort Wayne  
260.459.2222  
[www.eddiemerlots.com](http://www.eddiemerlots.com)
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
8487 Union Chapel Rd.,  
Indianapolis  
317.466.0175  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)
- LaSalle Grill**  
115 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend  
574.288.1155  
[www.lasallegrill.com](http://www.lasallegrill.com)

## Iowa

- Cafe di Scala**  
644 18th St., Des Moines  
515.244.1353  
[www.cafediscale.com](http://www.cafediscale.com)
- Devotay**  
117 N. Linn St., Iowa City  
319.354.1001 [www.devotay.net](http://www.devotay.net)
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
150 S. Jordan Creek Parkway,  
West Des Moines  
515.457.2916  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)
- Montage**  
222 Main St., Cedar Falls  
319.268.7222  
[www.montage-cf.com](http://www.montage-cf.com)
- Rubaiyat**  
117 W. Water St., Decorah  
563.382.9463  
[www.rubaiyatrestaurant.com](http://www.rubaiyatrestaurant.com)

## Kansas

- 4 Olives Wine Bar**  
3033 Anderson Ave., Manhattan  
785.539.1295, [www.4olives.biz](http://www.4olives.biz)

## Kentucky

- Asiatique**  
1767 Bardstown Rd., Louisville  
502.451.2749  
[www.asiatiquerestaurant.com](http://www.asiatiquerestaurant.com)

## Louisiana

- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
7321 Corporate Blvd.,  
Baton Rouge  
225.925.2710  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)

## Maine

- five fifty-five**  
555 Congress St., Portland  
207.761.0555  
[www.fivefifty-five.com](http://www.fivefifty-five.com)
- Varano's Italian Restaurant**  
60 Mile Rd., Wells  
207.641.8550  
[www.varanos.com](http://www.varanos.com)
- Wells Beach Steakhouse**  
73 Mile Rd., Wells  
207.646.2252  
[www.wellsbeachsteakhouse.com](http://www.wellsbeachsteakhouse.com)

## Maryland

- 208 Talbot**  
208 N. Talbot St., St. Michaels  
410.745.3838  
[www.208talbot.com](http://www.208talbot.com)
- AIDA Bistro & Wine Bar**  
7185 Columbia Gateway Drive,  
Columbia  
410.953.0500  
[www.aidabistro.com](http://www.aidabistro.com)
- Antrim 1844**  
30 Trevanion Rd., Taneytown  
800.858.1844  
[www.antrim1844.com](http://www.antrim1844.com)
- Della Notte Ristorante**  
801 Eastern Ave., Baltimore  
410.837.5500  
[www.dellanotte.com](http://www.dellanotte.com)
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
720 Aliceanna St., Baltimore  
410.332.1666  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)
- Horizons Restaurant**  
10100 Coastal Highway,  
Ocean City  
410.524.3535  
[www.clarionoc.com](http://www.clarionoc.com)
- Jordan's Steakhouse**  
8085 Main St., Ellicott City  
410.461.9776  
[www.Jordanssteakhouse.com](http://www.Jordanssteakhouse.com)
- The Melting Pot**  
418 York Rd., Towson  
410.821.6358  
[www.meltingpot.com](http://www.meltingpot.com)
- Restaurant 213**  
213 N. Fruitland Blvd., Fruitland  
410.677.4880  
[www.restaurant213.com](http://www.restaurant213.com)

- Sam's on the Waterfront**  
2020 Chesapeake Harbour Dr.  
E., Annapolis  
410.263.3600  
[www.samsonthewaterfront.com](http://www.samsonthewaterfront.com)
- Savage River Lodge**  
1600 Mt. Aetna Rd., Frostburg  
301.689.3200  
[www.savageriverlodge.com](http://www.savageriverlodge.com)
- SoBo's Wine Bistro**  
1015 Eastern Shore Drive,  
Salisbury  
410.219.1117  
[www.soboswinebistro.com](http://www.soboswinebistro.com)

## Massachusetts

- 33 Restaurant & Lounge**  
33 Stanhope St., Boston  
617.572.3311  
[www.33restaurant.com](http://www.33restaurant.com)
- Abe & Louie's**  
793 Boylston St., Boston  
617.536.6300  
[www.bbrginc.com](http://www.bbrginc.com)
- American Seasons**  
80 Centre St., Nantucket  
508.228.7111  
[www.americanseasons.com](http://www.americanseasons.com)
- Bravo Restaurant**  
465 Huntington Ave., Boston  
617.369.3474, [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)
- Buca's Tuscan Roadhouse**  
4 Depot Rd., Harwich  
508.432.6900  
[www.bucasroadhouse.com](http://www.bucasroadhouse.com)
- Dan'l Webster Inn**  
149 Main St., Sandwich  
508.888.3622  
[www.danlwebsterinn.com](http://www.danlwebsterinn.com)

- Excelsior**  
272 Boylston St., Boston  
617.426.7878  
[www.excelsiorrestaurant.com](http://www.excelsiorrestaurant.com)
- Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**  
217 Stuart St., Boston  
617.292.0808  
[www.flemingssteakhouse.com](http://www.flemingssteakhouse.com)
- Golden Temple**  
1651 Beacon St., Brookline  
617.277.9722  
[www.healthyfreshfood.com](http://www.healthyfreshfood.com)
- Grill 23 & Bar**  
161 Berkeley St., Boston  
617.542.2255  
[www.grill23.com](http://www.grill23.com)

- Harvest**  
44 Brattle St., Cambridge  
617.868.2255  
[www.harvestcambridge.com](http://www.harvestcambridge.com)
- La Campania**  
504 Main St., Waltham  
781.894.9630  
[www.lacampania.com](http://www.lacampania.com)
- Piattini**  
226 Newbury St., Boston  
617.536.2020  
[www.piattini.com](http://www.piattini.com)
- Ristorante Villa Francesca**  
150 Richmond St., Boston  
617.367.2948  
[www.ristorantevillafrancesca.com](http://www.ristorantevillafrancesca.com)
- Vinoteca di Monica**  
143 Richmond St., Boston  
617.227.0311  
[www.moniconline.com](http://www.moniconline.com)

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<b># Wines on List</b>	
100 or fewer	6%
101-500	70%
501-1,000	15%
1,001+	9%

<b>Wine Inventory</b>	
Fewer than 1,000	12%
1,001-5,000	66%
5,001-10,000	13%
10,001-20,000	6%
greater than 20,000	4%

<b>Glassware—Regular Service</b>	
Arcorac	10%
Libby	19%
Masterpiece Crystal	6%
Riedel	20%
Spiegelau	8%
Schott Zwiesel	2%
Stoezle	9%
Other	16%

<b>Glassware—Special Service</b>	
Arcorac	5%
Libby	3%
Masterpiece Crystal	6%
Riedel	46%
Schott Zwiesel	12%
Spiegelau	7%
Stoezle	6%
Other	16%

## What makes people come back for more?

"I'll use a quote I heard recently from one of our wine distributors: 'We have decided not to participate in this economic downturn.' We were joking around at the time, but it seriously reflects our philosophy right now. We have made a conscious effort not to change anything. We will still keep using and supporting local farms in order to put out the best and most unique product possible with the hopes that people will continue to enjoy and appreciate what we do. We have repeatedly told our staff that it is imperative to keep things the same, if not better, with respects to attention to detail and quality in order to ensure that we are wow-ing ever single customer. We have been very fortunate to always have a strong, loyal, local customer base, which will hopefully see us through this tough economy."

—Chef Steve Corry, five fifty-five, Portland, Maine

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[www.baccoristorante.com](http://www.baccoristorante.com)

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**What makes people want to come back?**

"Well, it's not for my wonderful personality. You have to find a balance between the approachable sophistication and the elegance. Attention to details—sometimes it's simply saying a person's name, recognizing them when they walk in, making notes about their experience and bringing it up next time. There's something to be said about being thoughtful and it's infuriating to me when things aren't thought out. When people walk into my restaurant, I want them to feel like the walking into my home. I want them to say, 'Wow, this is like a warm, gracious hug.' It's hospitality done well."

—*Chef Scott Conant, Scarpetta  
Miami, Miami, FL*

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[www.ruthschris.com](http://www.ruthschris.com)

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[www.ursulaswb.com](http://www.ursulaswb.com)

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[www.woolleysrestaurant.com](http://www.woolleysrestaurant.com)

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**What makes people want to come back?**

"It's all about the WWF approach—"wild, whimsical and fun". If we are having fun with the food (like seared Hudson Valley Foie Gras, Beignets, and Strawberry-Vanilla Drizzle), I feel it is going to be carried over into the guest experience."

—Chef Bobby Moore, Barking Frog, Woodinville, WA

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**What makes people want to come back?**

"The name of the restaurant brings them in and the friendly service and soulful food and wine keeps them coming back. Our duck confit is one of those dishes that is both satisfying and decadent. Rich duck meat with a crispy skin set on a salad with lardons and potatoes evokes the style of our soulful comforting food."

—Chef John Toulze, the girl & the fig, Sonoma, CA



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# Danny Meyer | Eleven Madison Park, New York, NY

In New York's famously competitive restaurant environment, one man has set a celestial standard for food quality, service and adventurous wine programs: Danny Meyer, who owns Eleven Madison Park (honored here) as well as Union Square Café, Gramercy Tavern, Tabla, The Modern and other New York institutions.

Born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Danny Meyer grew up in a family that relished great food, cooking, get-togethers, travel and hospitality. Thanks to his father's travel business, he spent much of his childhood eating, traveling to near and far-off places, and sowing the seeds for his future passion for food, wine and a successful career in the restaurant and hospitality industry. Meyer worked for his father as a tour guide in Rome during college, and then returned to the Eternal City to study international politics. He quips that he "minored in the study of trattorias," spending at least as much time at the table as he did in the classroom.

Later, he gained his first restaurant experience in 1984 as an assistant manager at Pesca, an Italian seafood restaurant in the Flatiron District of New York City followed by a stint in Europe to study cooking in both Italy and Bordeaux.

In 1985, at age 27, Meyer launched Union Square Café. In addition to redefining the casual, fine dining restaurant, the Union Square Café is widely noted as having sparked the dramatic resurgence of the Union Square neighborhood over the past 20 years.

In July 1994, Meyer opened Gramercy Tavern with Chef/partner Tom Colicchio, and in 1998, Meyer welcomed guests to yet two more restaurants, Eleven Madison Park and Tabla. With the opening of these restaurants, Meyer also officially formed Union Square Hospitality Group.

Eleven Madison Park is helmed by Chef Daniel Humm and his market-driven, Provence-inspired cuisine. Among numerous accolades, the restaurant received the 2004 James Beard Award for Best Service in America.

In summer 2004, USHG launched Shake Shack, a food kiosk in Madison Square Park, serving Chicago-style hot dogs, burgers and frozen custard, quickly becoming a cult favorite.

Meyer's other roles include activist in the fight against hunger, as a board member of Share Our Strength and City Harvest, and author. Meyer co-authored *The Union Square Cafe Cookbook* (HarperCollins, 1994) with his partner, Chef Michael Romano. The book earned the IACP Julia Child Award for the best new cookbook by a first-time author, and was followed by the acclaimed *Second Helpings from Union Square Cafe* (HarperCollins, 2001). Meyer's latest book, *Setting the Table* (HarperCollins, 2006), examines the power of hospitality in restaurants, business and life.

—Kara Newman

Danny Meyer, foreground, with wine director John Ragan and Executive Chef Daniel Humm.



### What makes people want to come back?

"If you convey to your staff that wine, service, and food are a form of entertainment, customers will come as an escape from the

media. But you must be original, have fun and be passionate everyday to be successful."

—Chef Thomas Delia, Trattoria Delia, Burlington, VT

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**What makes people want to come back?**  
"When I have a captive audience at a wine dinner or a table that really is into the experience and having fun, I'll say, 'Try our Zebra floating sorbet.' Some ask how we do it, others ask why we do it. Well, it's dramatic and it makes gastro-nomic sense. We then offer suggestions on how to enjoy the course by either scooping the sorbet from the top and sipping the champagne from the hole in the ice, or tapping the ice with the spoon to allow the sorbet to fall into the Champagne." —Jim Alexander, executive chef/owner, Zebra Restaurant, Charlotte, N.C.

**And a few more questions for...**

**What is your favorite wine and food pairing?**

Nancy: My favorite wine and food pairing is a perfectly poached egg on a bed of fresh made wide cut pasta, topped with a lemon butter sauce and fried pancetta. We serve this dish at Ella Dining Room and Bar and I love it paired with a glass of cold Krug Champagne.

Randall: In September in Southampton, New York, [I ate] the best steak I have ever encountered, a true 40-day, dry-aged prime Porterhouse, simply grilled, paired with a 2001 Merus Cab.

**What is your favorite dish to cook at home?**

Nancy: An unplanned meal after having gone to the local farmers market, and from that to just begin cooking with everything fresh and pure that I have to choose from, then sitting outdoors with friends and family, enjoying.

Randall: Salads, no cooked vegetables, and roasted free-range chicken basted with butter, lemon and garlic.

**If you weren't a chef/restaurateur, what career would you choose?**

Nancy: If I were not a chef, I would travel the world learning about foods and then find a way to share my information.

Randall: Anything creative, high energy, competitive, in the public eye. Most importantly, I'd want to make a good living.

**If money were no issue, what would your "fantasy restaurant" be like?**

Nancy: My fantasy restaurant would be very much like La Huella in Uruguay. It is built totally on the sand, open to a vast view of sand and ocean, with flowing canvas curtains and a clay oven to cook from. I would use incredible fresh ingredients, creating simple rustic dishes, great fresh-made drinks, and have a wine list created by my son, Josh Nelson, and everyone can run around barefoot.

Randall: On the beach, literally, cooking mostly over and with wood. I'd want a place to nurture, not to impress.

—Randall Selland and Nancy Zimmer, The Kitchen, Sacramento, CA



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