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WINE SPECTATOR MAGAZINE AWARDS SELANNE STEAK TAVERN “BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE” FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (June 26, 2020) – [Selanne Steak Tavern’s](#) wine list has been cited by prestigious industry publication *Wine Spectator* magazine with a 2020 Best of Award of Excellence, the second highest level of its annual recognition program. For the last four years in a row, the upscale steak house has earned this honor, which will be featured in the August 31 *Wine Spectator* awards issue, hitting newsstands next month with full listings also found at Restaurants.Winespectator.com.

“Once again, we are very pleased our wine list, which is managed by Certified Advanced Sommelier Vito Pasquale, has garnered renewed kudos from *Wine Spectator*,” said Selanne Steak Tavern owners Teemu Selanne and Kevin Pratt. “The recognition for 2020 is especially meaningful as our staff has worked diligently during this year’s pandemic to maintain our valuable wine collection for guest dining experiences, including the approved distanced and safe dining we are presently offering throughout the restaurant and our garden settings.”

The Best of Award of Excellence honors wine lists that display excellent breadth across multiple regions and/or significant vertical depth of top wines, along with superior presentation. “It is an award only garnered by restaurants that typically offer 350 or more selections and are destinations for serious wine lovers – places that have a deep commitment to wine, both in the cellar and through their service team,” according to *Wine Spectator* magazine.

Selanne Steak Tavern’s impressive wine inventory of over 3,000 bottles exhibits strengths in selections from California, Burgundy and other French regions, as well as selections from Italy and Germany. In all, there are over 425 global selections, Old and New World from Washington, Oregon, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Austria, South Africa, Portugal, Canada and Australia. While it is heavily focused on California cult wines with many highly allocated, low production, big scoring selections, it is designed to appeal to all wine lovers – their palates, pairing preferences and spending desires.

Selanne Steak Tavern’s wine list is especially designed to pair with the award-winning contemporary American steakhouse fare created by Chef Vincent Terusa. Since the restaurant’s inception, it has received recognition and honors for its food and wine and spirits programs, as well as its exemplary service, including multiple Golden Foodie Awards for “Best Wine Program,” “Best Service,” “Best Steak,” and “Best New Restaurant.”

About Selanne Steak Tavern

Selanne Steak Tavern, located at 1464 South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach, opened in November 2013 and is owned by Hockey Hall of Famer Teemu Selanne and local Orange County businessman Kevin Pratt. Housed in a reimagined 1934 historic home along the Pacific Coast, it's an upscale contemporary steak house with an upstairs dining room, downstairs tavern and bar area, a wine room for more intimate dining and two patios for alfresco dining. The restaurant supports local farms and fisheries that practice sustainability and humane practices. Menus feature the finest of steaks and seafood served with a variety of accompaniments enhanced by herbs from the restaurant's herb garden. Along with its carefully selected California-focused wine list, craft signature cocktails are created from quality farmers' market produce, homemade mixers and top-notch shelf spirits. Selanne Steak Tavern is open for dinner nightly starting at 5 p.m., and offers a summer lunch menu of gourmet burgers and hot dogs. For reservations and more information, call 949-715-9881 or visit www.selannesteaktavern.com.

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Wine Spectator and www.winespectator.com reach over three million affluent and influential readers and visitors with each issue. In addition to a wide assortment of features on quality wines and spirits, subscribers enjoy articles on fine dining, travel and entertainment. The readership includes business leaders, trendsetters, epicureans, connoisseurs and key trade buyers in the industry.

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