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## TOP TABLE RESTAURANTS WIN WINE SPECTATOR'S 'BEST OF' AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

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VANCOUVER & WHISTLER, British Columbia: August 15, 2007 - TopTable's four restaurants: Araxi (in Whistler), CinCin, Blue Water Cafe and West (in Vancouver), continue to prove their dedication towards wine, each earning the prestigious 'Best of' Award of Excellence designation from Wine Spectator's annual restaurant awards issue.

Among an elite group of 17 restaurants throughout British Columbia, TopTable's wine lists "deliver excellent range or depth across specific wine regions and include wines from top producers," reports the magazine. "[The lists] are easy to use and demonstrate the restaurant's enthusiasm for wine and food," with many "close to the Grand Award level."

This year, Wine Spectator noted that "restaurants are more wine-friendly, cellars are deeper, and selections are more interesting than ever before," stating that "sommeliers and wine directors are more knowledgeable."

Active in this movement, each TopTable venue offers established wine programs with acclaimed wine collections that offer range and diversity with rare vintages and boutique finds. Significant attention is directed towards ongoing wine education programs tailored for each restaurant, which weave the cultural and regional aspects of growing and making wine into intensive tastings, collection-specific instruction, wine service etiquette, as well as food and wine pairings.

**CinCin**, Robson Street, *Italian Inspired Wood-Fired Cucina*  
Best of Award of Excellence, Wine Spectator 2007  
Wine Director: Michael Mameli

**Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar**, Yaletown, *Celebrating Our Ocean's Harvest*  
Best of Award of Excellence, Wine Spectator 2007  
Wine Director: Andrea Vescovi

**West**, Granville Rise, *True to our region, True to the seasons*  
Best of Award of Excellence, Wine Spectator 2007  
Wine Director: Owen Knowlton

**Araxi**, Whistler, *Best of the Pacific Northwest*  
Best of Award of Excellence, Wine Spectator 2007  
Acting Wine Director: Pat Allan

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