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# **Exciting Things Happening at Aerie Restaurant & Lounge**

ACME, Mich., February 3, 2023 – Sunday brunch is back, Valentine's Day is around the corner, plus Traverse City Restaurant Week, and we're celebrating another *Wine Spectator* award. With so much happening at Aerie Restaurant & Lounge, there is no better time to make a visit to the 16th floor of Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

# Six-time Wine Spectator Award of Excellence Winner

Raise a glass to Aerie Restaurant & Lounge! The restaurant received its sixth consecutive Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. The annual program recognizes restaurants around the world as a top destination for wine lovers. "These awards not only guide our readers to dining establishments with impressive wine lists and outstanding service but also serve to honor restaurants for their achievements and commitment to maintaining pristine cellars," says Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, Wine Spectator. Located just minutes away from distinguished wineries of Old Mission and Leelanau Peninsulas, Aerie offers stunning views of Michigan's wine country. When it comes to selecting your wine pairing for such eclectic cuisine, the list is expansive, encompassing both international and national offerings as well as several from our award-winning region. Aerie staff go under extensive wine education and are well-trained in offering the perfect glass to fit every occasion and food selection. "It is an honor to receive the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence for the sixth year in a row," says Maria Lopez, Aerie Manager. "We put great effort into building a wine list that pairs with our extraordinary food offerings. This award showcases our hard work and dedication to offering guests a memorable experience."

#### **Sunday Brunch**

Experience a brunch unlike any other with delicious food, drinks, and panoramic views from the 16th floor of our Tower. Join us every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for our <u>brunch buffet</u>. Brunch is open to Resort guests and the public. Reservations are available, but not required. Brunch is \$32 for adults, \$16 for kids 5-12, and kids under 5 are complimentary.

## Valentine's Day Specials

Overlook beautiful Grand Traverse Bay with dinner for two as you celebrate the most romantic time of the year with our featured dinner menu. Indulge in mussels, pork belly, clam chowder, ribeye, seabass, ravioli, lamb rack, and our hearts of desire raspberry mousse cake. Plus special Valentine's Day cocktails like the mezcal Smoke Show, Picking Petals with gin, Aperol and prosecco foam, and a vanilla vodka and white chocolate liqueur Chocolate Rain martini. The Valentine's Day dinner menu is available Friday, February 10, Saturday, February 11, and Tuesday, February 14. Reservations are strongly encouraged.

### **Traverse City Restaurant Week**

Traverse City Restaurant Week is your chance to experience the culinary delights of Traverse City at an affordable price! Enjoy a <u>3-course menu</u> for \$45 (plus tax and gratuity) per person. The menu features Toulouse sausage, littleneck clams, whitefish with apricot chutney and charred corn coulis, filet mignon with truffled mash and candied bacon, gnocchi with creamy gorgonzola spinach sauce and tomato red onion jam, plus two homemade dessert options. Add on a 3-course wine pairing featuring local wines for \$35. Availability is limited. Book your reservation soon!

#### **Share the Sweet**

Enjoy sweet treats for a good cause! Our Share the Sweet program donates \$1 from every dessert sold to a local non-profit organization. Help raise awareness and funds for a different charity February-April, May-July, and August-October. Our first recipient is Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan. Aerie's dessert menu includes pumpkin bourbon cheesecake, banana peanut butter chocolate torte, classic crème brulee, and a wild cherry chocolate bombe. Yum!

Media images are available here.

### **About Grand Traverse Resort and Spa**

Nestled among the freshwater beaches and hardwood forests of Traverse City, MI, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is miles away from ordinary. Featuring nearly 600 guest rooms and 86,500 square feet of meeting space, the 900-acre property is one of Michigan's premier resort destinations. The Resort is also home to three championship golf courses, the renowned Spa Grand Traverse, and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence winner Aerie Restaurant & Lounge. Visit grandtraverseresort.com or call 800-236-1577 to learn more.

#### **About Aerie Restaurant & Lounge**

With panoramic views of Grand Traverse Bay and a vibrant, contemporary menu, Aerie Restaurant & Lounge has always been a one-of-a-kind dining experience. From Sunday brunch to happy hour to dinner with a view, Aerie delights friends, couples, and families alike. Located on the 16th floor of the Tower inside Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, Aerie has proudly served Northern Michigan for more than 10 years.

# **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), 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. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes Cigar Aficionado, Whisky Advocate, Market Watch, Shanken News Daily and Shanken's Impact Newsletter.