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## OpenTable Uncorks the 50 Best Restaurants for Wine Lovers in Canada

From crisp whites to silky reds -- some of Canada's best wine lists are highlighted from restaurants spanning seven provinces

TORONTO, Sept. 20, 2017 /CNW/ -- With wine harvest season upon us, <u>OpenTable</u>, the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations and part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), today revealed the <u>50 Best Restaurants for Wine Lovers in Canada</u>. These awards recognize restaurants with notable wine lists and reflect the combined opinions of more than 515,000 restaurant reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 2,000 restaurants in Canada.



Featuring restaurants offering exclusive vintages from world-renowned European vineyards to those with a focus on wine from the local cellars of the Okanagan Valley and Niagara Peninsula, this list highlights some of the country's best wine lists, including <a href="Sooke Harbour House">Sooke Harbour House</a> in Sooke, British Columbia, and <a href="Raymonds">Raymonds</a> in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Ontario has the greatest number of restaurants included with 20, followed by British Columbia with 13, and Alberta with seven. Québec has six restaurants recognized, while Nova Scotia has two. Manitoba and Newfoundland and Labrador are also represented on this list.

"As Canada's winemaking industry flourishes and a growing number of Canadians are choosing wine as their drink of choice<sup>1</sup>, many restaurants are thoughtfully curating wine lists designed to complement their menu and expand diners' palates," said Caroline Potter, Chief Dining Officer, OpenTable. "From establishments with a seasoned sommelier to those serving a more casual glass of rosé, these restaurants are recognized by guests for their commitment to delicious food and an outstanding wine selection."

The 50 Best Restaurants for Wine Lovers list is generated solely from more than 515,000 restaurant reviews collected from verified OpenTable diners between August 1, 2016, and July 31, 2017. All restaurants with a minimum "overall" score and number of qualifying reviews were included for consideration. Qualifying restaurants were then scored and sorted according to the percentage of reviews for which "notable wine list" was selected as a special feature.

Based on this methodology, the 50 Best Restaurants for Wine Lovers in Canada according to OpenTable diners are as follows (in alphabetical order):

## 50 Best Restaurants for Wine Lovers in Canada

529 Wellington - Winnipeg, Manitoba

Atelier - Ottawa, Ontario

Backhouse - Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Bishop's - Vancouver, British Columbia

Blink Restaurant - Calgary, Alberta

Bruce Wine Bar - Thornbury, Ontario

Cimo Mediterranean Grill - Prince George, British Columbia

Cut Steakhouse - Halifax, Nova Scotia

da Maurizio - Halifax, Nova Scotia

DiVino Wine Studio - Ottawa, Ontario

Eden - Rimrock Resort Hotel - Banff, Alberta

Grapevine Restaurant and Patio at Gray Monk Estate Winery - Lake Country, British Columbia

Hardware Grill - Edmonton, Alberta

Hillside Winery & Bistro - Penticton, British Columbia

Inn on the Twenty - Jordan, Ontario

Kitchen76 at Two Sisters Vineyards - Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon - Montréal - Montréal, Québec

La Chaumiere - Calgary, Alberta

Langdon Hall Country House Hotel & Spa - Cambridge, Ontario

Le Baccara - Casino du Lac Leamy - Gatineau, Québec

Le Cellier du Roi Par Jérôme Ferrer - Bromont, Québec

Le Club Chasse et Peche - Montréal, Québec

Liquidity Bistro - Okanagan Falls, British Columbia

Neros Steakhouse - Caesars Windsor, Ontario

North and Navy - Ottawa, Ontario

Opus Restaurant - Toronto, Ontario

Peller Estates Winery Restaurant - Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Pullman - Montréal, Québec

Quails' Gate Estate Winery - Old Vines Restaurant - Kelowna, British Columbia

Oxley Estate Winery - Harrow, Ontario

Raymonds - St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

Red Ox Inn - Edmonton, Alberta

Restaurant at Peninsula Ridge - Beamsville, Ontario

The Restaurant at Redstone - Beamsville, Ontario

Rustica Steakhouse at Silvertip Golf Resort - Canmore, Alberta

Sonora Room Restaurant - Burrowing Owl Estate Winery - Oliver, British Columbia

Sooke Harbour House - Sooke, British Columbia

Sterling Restaurant - Gatineau, Québec

Tap Restaurant - Surrey, British Columbia

The Terrace - Mission Hill Family Estate Winery - West Kelowna, British Columbia

Terrafina at Hester Creek by RauDZ - Oliver, British Columbia

Treadwell Farm to Table Cuisine - Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Trius Winery Restaurant - Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Twisted Lemon - Cayuga, Ontario

Tzin Wine & Tapas - Edmonton, Alberta

Vibo Restaurant - Toronto, Ontario

Vineland Estates Winery Restaurant - Vineland, Ontario

Vineyard Terrace Restaurant at CedarCreek Estate Winery - Kelowna, British Columbia

Waterfront Wines - Kelowna, British Columbia

Wildfire Steakhouse Waterloo - Waterloo, Ontario

The complete list may also be viewed at <a href="https://www.opentable.com/m/canada-best-wine-list">https://www.opentable.com/m/canada-best-wine-list</a>. Diners can read more about the 50 Best Restaurants for Wine Lovers in Canada by visiting the <a href="https://www.opentable.com/m/canada-best-wine-list">OpenTable blog</a>.

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[1] Statistics Canada (2017). Control and sale of alcoholic beverages, year ending March 31, 2016. Retrieved from http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-guotidien/170502/dg170502a-eng.htm

## **About OpenTable Restaurant Reviews:**

Originally launched in November 2008, the OpenTable Reviews program helps diners find restaurants that best fit their dining occasions. Only diners who recently honoured an OpenTable reservation are invited to submit restaurant reviews. Visitors to OpenTable can access reviews for thousands of OpenTable restaurant partners across the United States, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan and the UK. The OpenTable Reviews program has generated more than 40 million restaurant reviews by verified diners, establishing OpenTable as one of the largest and most trusted sources for restaurant reviews.

## **About OpenTable:**

OpenTable, part of The Priceline Group (NASDAQ: PCLN), is the world's leading provider of online restaurant reservations, seating more than 23 million diners per month via online reservations across more than 43,000 restaurants. The OpenTable network connects restaurants and diners, helping diners discover and book the perfect table and helping restaurants deliver personalized hospitality to keep guests coming back. The OpenTable service enables diners to see which restaurants have available tables, select a restaurant based on verified diner reviews, menus, and other helpful information, and easily book a reservation. In addition to the company's website and mobile apps, OpenTable powers online reservations for nearly 600 partners, including many of the Internet's most popular global and local brands. For restaurants, the OpenTable hospitality solutions enable them to manage their reservation book, streamline their operations, and enhance their service levels. Since its inception in 1998, OpenTable has seated over 1.4 billion diners around the world and more than 54 million in Canada via online reservations. OpenTable is headquartered in San Francisco and has bookable restaurants in more than 20 countries, including Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States. Restaurants are available for reservations in Dutch, English, French, German,

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