



SELANNE STEAK TAVERN



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**SELANNE STEAK TAVERN NAMED BEST WINE PROGRAM SECOND
CONSECUTIVE YEAR AT EIGHTH ANNUAL GOLDEN FOODIE AWARDS
CEREMONY**

Seventh Selanne Golden Foodie Award for Three-Time Recipient of the Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (October 3, 2019) – Selanne Steak Tavern won the Golden Foodie Award for Best Wine Program 2019 for the second consecutive year at Orange County’s Golden Foodie Awards gala held September 29 at the Newport Beach Marriott with over 250 guests. Master Sommelier Michael Jordan and *Sauté* magazine Editor Tina Borgatta presented the award.

“Winning the Golden Foodie Best Wine Program Award two years running is such an honor,” said co-owner Kevin Pratt. “Teemu Selanne and I are grateful to those who appreciate our sincere hospitality and our impressive wine inventory. Our list, which is curated by Advanced Sommelier Vito Pasquale, pairs brilliantly with Chef Vince Terusa’s exceptional dishes.”

The Best Wine Program Golden Foodie Award recognizes the restaurant whose wine list offers interesting selections that appeal to a variety of wine enthusiasts. In addition to an excellent wine program, the winner is distinguished by having a wine staff who are extremely well-versed about the restaurant’s wines and who suggest wines to guests that will work in harmony with the chef’s cuisine.

This year’s gala was presided over by co-hosts Neil Saavedra of KFI AM’s “The Fork Report” and Food Network star and cookbook author Aarti Sequeira.

According to the Golden Foodie Awards committee, these awards are “a people’s choice event that recognizes the best chefs, libations and cuisine at chef-driven and independent restaurants. With its focus on involving the Orange County community to serve as judges through their voting, the Golden Foodie Awards serves as the highest honor and is an indication of local culinary trends and consumer preferences.” There is a one-week period for voters to cast votes recognizing their choices of outstanding restaurants in 16 categories.

Selanne Steak Tavern’s extensive wine list is known for strength in selections from California and Burgundy, France, as well as global selections from Washington, Oregon, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Argentina, Germany, Austria, South Africa, Portugal, Canada and Australia.

Selanne Steak Tavern's previous six Golden Foodie Awards include Best Service Award in 2017; Best Steak Award for the restaurant's outstanding menu execution, service and overall program in 2016; Best Wine Program in 2015 and 2018; and Best New Restaurant and Best Steak in 2014. It has also been honored by receiving the Best of Award of Excellence distinction from *Wine Spectator* for the last three years.

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. For reservations and more information, call 949-715-9881 or visit www.selannesteaktavern.com.

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