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**STATE ROOM RESTAURANT RECEIVES “BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE” FOR 13TH YEAR**

EAST LANSING, MICH. - For the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Wine Spectator Magazine named the State Room Restaurant a recipient of the 2018 Best of Award of Excellence. The State Room Restaurant, located within the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, which is a part of Michigan State University Spartan Hospitality Group, has received one of the three-tiered awards for 16 straight years since first obtaining a liquor license in 2003.

This year, Wine Spectator granted 1,215 Best of Award of Excellence honors nationally. Each year, venues submit an application to qualify for an award. Winners of the Best of Excellence must create wine lists that display excellent breadth across multiple winegrowing regions and/or significant vertical depth of top producers, along with superior presentation. Typically offering 350 or more selections, these restaurants are destinations for wine connoisseurs and show a deep commitment to wine, both in the cellar and through the restaurant’s service.

This honor is Wine Spectator’s second-tier “Best of” award. Awards fall into three categories: Award of Excellence, Best of Award of Excellence and Grand Award. The State Room Restaurant is one of only 12 venues in Michigan to receive this award level and the only site in the Capital Regional area to receive this honor.

State Room Manager Marianne Bacon and her team manage more than 750 selections of wine by the bottle and 18 by the glass offerings. It is apparent they are passionate about wine and excited to share their knowledge and information with restaurant guests. Marianne often invites wine experts and winemakers to the restaurant to help host wine tastings and dinners highlighting many wine varietals from around the world.

For more information about the State Room Restaurant, its wine lists and the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, please visit [kelloggcenter.com](http://kelloggcenter.com).

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