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**Leader Block Wine Co. & Eatery  
Earns *Wine Spectator*  
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
Restaurant Award in 2019**

*Leader Block Wine Co. & Eatery Among 3,800 Winners;  
Full 2019 Dining Guide Revealed in Wine Spectator's August Issue*

Ferndale, Washington (July 3, 2019) — Leader Block Wine Co. & Eatery has been honored for its outstanding wine program in [Wine Spectator's](#) 2019 Restaurant Awards. The restaurant is recognized among other winners from all over the globe as a top destination for wine lovers.

"We're pleased to shine a spotlight on the destinations around the world that show devotion to their wine program, while also creating a comprehensive global dining guide for our readers to enjoy," said Marvin R. Shanken, Editor and Publisher, *Wine Spectator*. "Both novice wine lovers and seasoned sommeliers alike actively seek and frequent restaurants with exciting, well-curated wine lists. Bravo to all the 2019 recipients—we raise a glass to you."

**"We are so honored for this recognition! It is our utmost desire to bring wines from around the world to enjoy for all. The education and adventure we bring through the glass is part of our culture, and we are tremendously grateful for achieving this distinction!" -Amberleigh Brownson, Wine Director/Director of Operations**

*Wine Spectator* began its program to recognize the world's best wine lists in 1981. There are three levels: the Award of Excellence, the Best of Award of Excellence and the Grand Award—with 2,447; 1,244; and 100 winners this year in each respective category. Eight of the Grand Award winners are first timers.

Leader Block Wine Co. & Eatery has won the Award of Excellence. The Award of Excellence recognizes restaurants whose wine lists feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. The complete list of award winners is available in print in *Wine Spectator's* August issue, on newsstands July 16, and online at [Restaurants.WineSpectator.com](http://Restaurants.WineSpectator.com), where visitors can search and access exclusive content on the 3,800 restaurants. The full list is also available for free on iOS via the [Restaurant Awards app](#), which allows users to look for dining spots in any location with maps, choosing by wine strengths, cuisine type, pricing and more.

Follow the Restaurant Awards on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), with hashtag #WSRestaurantAward.

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