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The Marc wins acclaim from pair of wine magazines

The Marc Restaurant, in downtown's Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, has reeled in honors from a pair of wine magazines.

For the second year in a row, Wine Enthusiast magazine named the restaurant to its list of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants.

The Marc also received Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence.

The Wine Enthusiast citation named as a favorite dish the Red Boar Farms pork belly with heirloom beet agnolotti, local aged balsamic, lettuce and compressed pear. The wine of note in the citation was a 2009 tempranillo from Garrison Creek Cellars.

Wine Spectator's award, which is given to about 2,800 restaurants nationwide, recognizes restaurants "whose wine lists offer intriguing selections that pair well with the cuisine and appeal to a wide range of wine enthusiasts," according to a news release.

For more on the restaurant, go to www.marcuswhitmanhotel.com.

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