

## **Three Morrissey Hospitality's Restaurants – The St. Paul Grill, Pazzaluna and Tria – Earn Wine Spectator's Restaurant Award of Excellence**

**Saint Paul, Minn. (August 31, 2011)** – Bill Morrissey, President of Morrissey Hospitality Companies (MHC), is pleased to announce that three restaurants managed by MHC – The St. Paul Grill, Pazzaluna Urban Italian Restaurant and Tria Restaurant -- have received a 2011 *Wine Spectator's* Restaurant Award of Excellence. This marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year The St. Paul Grill has been recognized by *Wine Spectator* magazine (the 7<sup>th</sup> year for Pazzaluna and the first year for Tria).

According to the magazine, *Wine Spectator's* Restaurant Wine List Awards recognize restaurants whose wine lists offer interesting selections, are appropriate to their customers and appeal to a wide range of wine lovers. The Award of Excellence is given for a well-chosen selection of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style.

The wine lists for all three restaurants were developed by Justin Spano, MHC's Director of Beverage. The St. Paul Grill has over 215 selections of wine, with 22 selections by the glass. The emphasis on the grill is new world wines with a large presence of California Cabernet Sauvignon. There are over 50 cellar selections with multiple verticals of highly allocated wines from throughout the world. In recent years the focus of the wine list has been to add wines from up and coming parts of the world such as South America, Austria, South Africa and the Pacific Northwest.

Tria's wine list is over 100 selections and 20 by the glass offerings. There is a emphasis on offering value, with many selections at \$60.00 a bottle or less on the menu.

The wine list at Pazzaluna has over 100 selections and 20 by the glass offerings. There are many highly allocated Italian wines on the list. There are predominately Italian wines and varietals that are native to Italy on the menu.

"We are delighted to be recognized by *Wine Spectator* magazine," said Bill Morrissey. "The St. Paul Grill, Pazzaluna and Tria strive to provide an excellent wine list for our customers and we're delighted that one of the top wine publications recognizes that."

Voted 2009 Best Restaurant by *Mpls.-St. Paul Magazine*, The St. Paul Grill is a local institution, featuring classic American grill entrées in an upscale yet casual environment. Open daily for lunch and dinner, with a well-known Sunday brunch and classic bar, The St. Paul Grill has been consistently acknowledged for its unbeatable service, food and ambiance.

This Saint Paul icon features a classic, yet surprisingly diverse menu, ranging from prime steaks and thick-cut chops, to succulent poultry and fresh seafood. The Grill is known for its classic bar, offering the Twin Cities finest selection of rare spirits and wines. Located adjacent to The Saint Paul Hotel in downtown Saint Paul, The St. Paul Grill overlooks beautiful Rice Park at 350 Market Street. The St. Paul Grill offers three hours of complimentary parking at the nearby Lawson Ramp. For more information or reservations, please call The St. Paul Grill at 651-224-7455 or visit [stpaulgrill.com](http://stpaulgrill.com). The St. Paul Grill is managed by Morrissey Hospitality Companies ([www.morrisseyhospitality.com](http://www.morrisseyhospitality.com)).

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