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**W**hat defines a *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* best 100 wine restaurant? Is it the outstanding selection of wines? An innovative menu? Detail-oriented service? Buzzed-about décor? The eateries on our list do all these things and more: They serve up a true passion for presenting mind-blowing wine-and-food pairings. Along with our selection of the nation's latest and greatest wine-focused dining destinations, the following pages offer recipes and ingenious wine-pairing ideas for the home chef, the top food trends of 2013 and an appetite-stimulating selection of essential dishes you'll want to sample. **Click on the regions on the map below to find out which restaurants made it on the list.**



## Yellowtail Japanese Restaurant & Lounge

Las Vegas, NV

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### Destination Bottles

Nanbu Bijin Saké (Iwate, Japan)

Momokawa Murai Family Champion Saké

(Aomori, Japan)

Domaine de la Romanée-Conti 1995 Romanée-Conti

### Cuisine Description

Located in the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, Yellowtail Japanese Restaurant & Lounge serves modern Japanese cuisine.

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### Wine List Description

The wine list skews toward fruit-forward, light-in-oak Sauvignon Blancs, Pinot Grigios and Pinot Noirs, with a stellar saké selection. "To enhance the delicate flavor of fish, wines should not be overwhelming, such as not too oaky, not too tannic. The balance is the key," says sommelier Yukiko Kawasaki.

### Riot-Worthy Dish

*Wine Enthusiast* editors asked America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants of 2013 "which dish would start a riot if it was taken off the menu?" Their riot-worthy dish is...

"The Big Eye tuna pizza and Kobe beef tataki are signature dishes."

### Perfect Pairing

Two perfect pairings are the grilled walu with Gary Farrell's 2009 Pinot Noir from the Russian River Valley and the snapper sashimi matched with the 2011 Illumination Sauvignon Blanc from Napa Valley.

### Wine Events

Saké flights feature six selections from jumai to daiginjo, offering guests an opportunity to explore the world of saké.