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**THE INN AT LITTLE WASHINGTON RECEIVES WINE SPECTATOR'S  
TOP HONOR 23<sup>RD</sup> YEAR IN A ROW  
*DC Area's Only Grand Award Winner***

**Washington, VA** – The Inn at Little Washington was named one of only 91 restaurants in the world to receive the coveted Grand Award from Wine Spectator. 2018 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year that the Inn has been awarded the top prize, once again becoming the only recipient of the award in the DC area.

The Grand Award is based on the overall excellence of the wine program, breadth and depth of selections, access to deep verticals of rare wines and the list's ability to support and enhance the dining experience. Only 63 Grand Awards were given in the U.S. this year.

“2018 is on track to become one of the most memorable years in The Inn's 40-year history. We're grateful to Wine Spectator for this recognition - one that goes hand in hand with our dedication to constantly improving and refining our cuisine. We will continue to support and expand our wine program with the expert guidance of our Wine Director, Bill Harris,” said Chef and Proprietor Patrick O'Connell.

The Inn offers more than 2,400 selections of the world's best wine and while there is a strong focus on the best producers of Europe and California, the Inn is a proud supporter of local Virginia wineries.

**About The Inn at Little Washington**

The Inn at Little Washington, a Relais and Chateaux property, is located in the historic village of Washington, Virginia, 67 miles west of the nation's capital. Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, The Inn has been a culinary destination since it opened in a former garage in 1978. Among its many accolades, The Inn has received two stars from the Michelin guide, two years in a row, and five James Beard Awards including Best Restaurant in America and Best Chef in the US. It is the longest tenured Forbes 5 Star restaurant in the world. For information on our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, go to: [www.theinnat40.com](http://www.theinnat40.com)