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Bistro Aix Honored With National Wine Award

Jacksonville's Bistro Aix wins Santé's prestigious Wine Hospitality Award

Jacksonville, Fla. (September 2, 2003) –Bistro Aix was awarded *Santé* magazine's 2003 Wine Hospitality Award for its dedication to excellence in wine selection and service.

Santé award winners are chosen based on their food and wine management philosophy, staff training and knowledge, wine service, wine list, creativity, promotional activities, ambience, customer service and innovation. There are four different categories of establishments and seven designated geographic areas for a total of 28 Wine Hospitality Awards each year.

Bistro Aix was the winner of the bistro category in the Southeast region, joining only four other bistros from across the country to win in that category this year. Awards are given on the strength of the applications, and awards are not always conferred in every category or region.

“Bistro Aix is built on a passion for food and wine, so we feel very honored to be recognized for something we love to do,” said Tom Gray, executive chef and co-owner of Bistro Aix. “We try to offer our guests one of the top dining experiences in the Southeast, and awards like this help confirm that we’re achieving that goal.”

Bistro Aix's wine list features more than 240 bottle selections and more than 50 by the glass - all chosen to complement the Mediterranean and French-inspired cuisine.

The Wine Hospitality Award marks the second national award for Bistro Aix this year. In May, The Distinguished Restaurants of North America (DiRoNA) selected Bistro Aix as one of 59 recipients for its 2004 DiRoNA Award of Excellence.

Located in Jacksonville's historic San Marco district, Bistro Aix creates an exciting atmosphere, offers a food and wine menu full of distinctive flavors and complements this with professional service. Bistro Aix offers catering, bakery and private dining services. The city-hip bistro has received awards such as Best New Restaurant, Most Romantic Restaurant, Best Interior Design and Best Chef. In November 2002, Bistro Aix was named “Best Restaurant in Jacksonville” by readers of *Folio Weekly*. For more information, visit www.BistroX.com.

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