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WILLI'S WINE BAR AMONG TOP 100 BAY AREA RESTAURANTS
San Francisco Chronicle recognizes Wine Country favorite

SANTA ROSA, CA July 14, 2009 --- *San Francisco Chronicle* restaurant reviewer Michael Bauer recently named Willi's Wine Bar in Santa Rosa as one of the "Top 100 Bay Area Restaurants of 2009."

A favorite destination for locals and visitors alike, Willi's Wine Bar has consistently garnered favorable reviews in the *Chronicle* and elsewhere since opening in 2002. 2009 marks the first time that the restaurant has earned a coveted spot on the annual list released in late spring.

Says Bauer, "Willi's is unique and you'll want to return to try everything on the menu...enticing, eclectic small plates that change by the season; what they have in common is that they're exactly what you want to eat." The complete [review](#) and Top 100 [story](#) are available online at www.sfgate.com/food/top100.

Chef-owner Mark Stark says, "Our goal is to provide a great experience for our diners, but it sure doesn't hurt to be chosen by the number one newspaper in San Francisco as a top restaurant in an area world-famous for having fantastic places to eat."

Willi's Wine Bar, established in 2002, is the first of four popular Sonoma County restaurants created by husband and wife team Mark and Terri Stark. Willi's classic roadhouse appeal captures the casual, laid-back nature of Sonoma County Wine Country. The seasonal menu features over 32 small plates and an extensive wine list emphasizing local wines. The restaurant is located just off Highway 101 in northern Santa Rosa at 4404 Old Redwood Highway. For more information on Willi's and other Stark properties visit <http://www.starkrestaurants.com>.

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