

We've chosen the wines on the following list to best accompany the food we offer. The cuisine at North Pond relies on a combination of subtle seasonal flavors, enhanced when paired with the appropriate wine. We honor the Arts and Crafts philosophy by attempting to focus on artisan producers who "craft" small lots of wine and understand the connection between the land and their goods. This method of winemaking results in wines of a character difficult to reproduce in another vineyard or region.

At North Pond, we believe it important to link concern for sustainable cuisine to the pleasures of everyday fine dining. In an effort to make this connection, one dollar has been added to the price of each of the bottles of wine on the list as a donation to the non-profit charitable organizations listed below.

We will match each of these donations with an additional dollar from our restaurant revenue, in order to double the contribution to these vital organizations. Their inclusion on the list is based on their work to help preserve diverse food choices, contribute to the local community, support local farmers, and help commit to a more sustainable future. Please feel free to contact the groups directly if you wish to find out more about the important charitable work they do.

Thank you, and we hope you enjoy your meal at North Pond.

Bruce Sherman
Chef & Partner

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (icirr.org)

While ICIRR's headquarters are located in downtown Chicago, the Coalition provides aid and support to immigrant groups throughout the state of Illinois, protecting their rights as humans and citizens. Over the years, they've created a network of groups to better focus on different aspects of their recipients' needs while acclimating to their new homes. Whether helping families gain access to health care and educational services, providing instruction in English for students of all ages, or encouraging and assisting all persons to become active participants in their local governments, ICIRR has tasked themselves with the critical mission of fostering community growth and acceptance of all peoples, regardless of heritage or provenance.

Curt's Café (curtscafe.org)

Curt's Café believes in the power of food as a necessary means for life, and invests in the future through youth who may have been unjustly treated by the judicial system or have dropped out of school and found themselves on the streets. At their three locations and with a dedicated team of volunteers and leaders, Curt's Café is committed to providing these young people with an opportunity to hone their work skills in a restaurant setting, in order to give them more responsibility and help them better prepare for the work force; most of all, the Café provides a positive re-start to each student's story. Only through a rigorous training schedule and fair compensation for their work are the graduates of Curt's Café able to break the cycle, learning to work hard and give back to the community long after their time at the Café has ended.

Peterson Garden Project (petersongarden.org)

What began as a community garden project for Chicago's North Side now provides a multitude of opportunities for residents to learn how to grow and cook their own wholesome and healthful food. With "Pop-up Victory Gardens" in neighborhoods and partnerships with the Seed Saver's Exchange, Slow Food Chicago and many other organizations committed to preserving our food heritage, the Peterson Garden Project inspires participant gardeners to understand where their food comes from, how to grow it, and ultimately how to prepare it. The PGP has created many ways for people to get involved in both their local gardens and their own kitchens with the belief that nourishment from within strengthens our society as a whole.

GirlForward (girlforward.org)

GirlForward is an organization devoted to the well-being and opportunity of young, refugee women in America, working specifically in Chicago, IL and Austin, TX. Founded in 2011, GirlForward supports young women who have come from dire and desolate situations through relationships and community-building, as well as connecting them with professional and educational opportunities. GirlForward is also committed to providing these young women with access to resources for their personal health and development as they assimilate into their new home city.

Our Featured Selection – Chardonnay

Chardonnay, the noble white grape from Burgundy, has been loved and shunned throughout the years, yet the wine it produces remains one of the most widely consumed around the world.

For our selections this spring, we've chosen distinctly different styles that highlight the complexity of the grape and the wide range of flavors it delivers. Grown in its native home, France, or in Italy or America, Chardonnay is adored for its clean orchard fruit aromas and its dependably bright acidity, making it a wonderful wine for food. Theoretically, Chardonnay does not age well once vinified, yet many producers take the gamble and let the wine mature for a few or several years in an effort to explore what the wine can become. Whether biodynamically produced, or done so under more methodically precise conditions, Chardonnay is still one of the most fascinating and distinct wines in the cellar. Still today, the ability of the wine to appeal to both skeptic and enthusiast, makes it that much more intriguing.

De Forville, <i>Ca del Buc</i> , 2015, Piedmont	43
Wyncroft, <i>Marland</i> , 2016, Lake Michigan Shore	46
Stony Hill, 2009, Napa Valley	112
Mayacamas, 2015, Mt. Veeder-Napa Valley	116
Château de Beru, <i>Monopole</i> , 2014, Chablis	151

Wines by the Glass

SPARKLING

Champagne, Stéphane Coquillette, <i>Carte d'Or</i> , Chouilly	20
Rosé, Domaine Robert Serol, <i>Turbulent</i> , Côte Roannaise	15

WHITE

Erbaluce, Ca'Nova, <i>Rugiada</i> , 2015, Novara	12
Auxerrois, Lelièvre, 2015, Alsace-Lorraine	13
Riesling, Domaine Gresser, <i>Kritt</i> , 2015, Alsace	14
Sauvignon Blanc, Populis, <i>Venturi Vineyard</i> , 2017, Mendocino County	14
Chenin Blanc, Thibaud Boudignon, <i>Anjou Blanc</i> , 2015, Loire Valley	19
Chardonnay, Eric Forest, 2014, Macon-Vergisson	17

Rosé

Long Meadow Ranch, <i>Rosé of Pinot Noir</i> , 2017, Anderson Valley	17
Château Maupague, <i>Sainte-Victoire</i> , 2017, Côtes de Provence	17

Red

Gamay, Jean-Marc Burgaud, <i>Morgon</i> , 2013, Cote du Py	13
Pinot Noir, Brooks, 2015, Willamette Valley, Oregon	16
Nebbiolo, Colombera & Garella, <i>Coste della Sesia</i> , 2014, Piedmont	17
Tempranillo, R. Lopez de Heredia, <i>Viña Cubillo</i> , 2008, Rioja	19
Grenache & Syrah, Santa Duc, <i>Les Blovac</i> , 2014, Rasteau	17
Cabernet Sauvignon, Two Mountain, 2014, Yakima Valley	16
Cabernet Franc, Château de Brézé, <i>Clos Mazurique</i> , 2015, Saumur	12

Beer & Cider

JK's Scrumpy, <i>Orchard Gate Gold</i> , Flushing, MI	7
Temperance, <i>Greenwood Beach</i> , Pineapple Blond Ale, Evanston, IL	7
Victory Brewing Co., <i>Prima Pils</i> , Downingtown, Pennsylvania	7
Solemn Oath, <i>Snaggle Tooth Bandana</i> , American IPA, Naperville, IL	7
Perrin Brewing Company, Black Ale, Comstock Park, MI	7
North Coast, <i>Brother Thelonious</i> , Belgian Abbey Ale, Fort Bragg, CA	7

Champagne & Sparkling

Bruno Paillard, <i>Prémier Cuvée</i> , NV, Reims	61 ½ btl
Gosset, <i>Grand Rosé</i> , Brut, NV, Aÿ	100 ½ btl
Henriot, <i>Brut Rosé</i> , NV, Reims	148
Barrat-Masson, <i>Fleur de Craie</i> , 2013, Aube	106
Vadin-Plateau, <i>Bois des Jots</i> , Premier Cru, NV, Cumières	151
Gonet-Medeville, <i>Tradition</i> , Premier Cru, NV, Bisseuil	91
Le Mesnil, <i>Blanc de Blanc</i> , Grand Cru, NV, Mesnil-Sur-Oger	108
Marie-Courtin, <i>Efflorescence</i> , Extra Brut, 2012, Aube	147
Saint Chamant, <i>Cuvée de Chardonnay</i> , 2005, Epernay	151
Pehu-Simonet, <i>Fins Lieux</i> , Blanc de Noir, Verzenay	145
Thiénot, <i>Cuvée Alain</i> , 2002, Reims	197

White Wines

Alsace Varietals

Selbach-Oster, Kabinett, 2015, Mosel	53
Brooks, Riesling, 2014, Willamette Valley, OR	45
Robert Sinskey, <i>Abraxas</i> , 2013, Scintilla Sonoma Vineyards, CA	81
Max Ferdinand Richter, <i>Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr</i> , Kabinett, 2015, Mosel	48
Emile Beyer, Riesling, <i>Pfersigberg</i> , Grand Cru, 2016, Alsace	96
Domaine Meyer-Fonné, Pinot Gris, <i>Reserve</i> , 2014, Alsace	55
Philipp Kuhn, <i>Saumagen</i> , 2014, Phalz	106

Loire varietals

Lucien Crochet, 2016, Sancerre	67
Henri Bourgeois, <i>La Bourgeoise</i> , 2013, Sancerre	80
Merry Edwards, 2015, Russian River Valley	87
Sebastien Riffault, <i>Les Quarterons</i> , 2014, Sancerre	76
Nicolas Joly, <i>Les Vieux Clos</i> , 2014, Savennières	88
Château La Garde, Pessac-Léognan, 2012, Bordeaux	106

Rhône Varietals

Domaine Philippe Faury, <i>Condrieu</i> , 2011, Saint Joseph	121
Domaine Rostaing, <i>Les Lézardes</i> , 2016, Collines Rhodaniennes	86
Domaine Du Gros Noré, <i>Bandol Blanc</i> , 2014, Provence	60
Domaine Galévan, Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 2013, Courthézon	109

Chardonnay

Hubert Lamy, <i>Les Frionnes</i> , 2014, St. Aubin	67 ½ btl
Domaine Labet, <i>Les Champs Rouges</i> , 2015, Jura	85
Garnier & Fils, 2015, Chablis	55
Domaine Latour-Giraud, <i>Meursault-Genevrières</i> , 2013, Beaune	184
Bonneau du Martray, <i>Corton-Charlemagne</i> , 2014, Beaune	326
Scribe, <i>Estate Chardonnay</i> , 2015, Los Carneros	85
Matthiasson, <i>Linda Vista</i> , 2015, Napa Valley	69
Stony Hill, 2008, Napa Valley	133
Jarvis, <i>Finch's Hollow Vineyard</i> , 2012, Napa Valley	251

The Road Less Traveled

Jurtschitsch, Gruner Veltliner, <i>Loiserberg, Erste Lage</i> , 2015, Kamptal	75
La Soeur Cadette, <i>Melon</i> , 2014, Saint-Père-Sous-Vézelay	54
Jean Masson, Jacquere, <i>Vielles Vignes</i> , 2016, Apremont	45
Casal del Giglio, Petit Manseng, 2014, Lazio	55
Domaine Labet, <i>Fleur de Savagnin</i> , <i>En Chalasse</i> , 2015, Jura Sud Reveremont	85

Rosé

Matthiasson, 2016, Napa Valley	61
Domaine de la Fouquette, <i>Cuvée Rosé d'Aurore</i> , 2017, Côtes de Provence	43
Clos Cibonne, <i>Tibouren</i> , 2015, Côtes de Provence	61
Lucien Crochet, <i>Sancerre</i> , 2016, Loire Valley	81
Château Pradeaux, 2017, Bandol	76

Red wines

Pinot Noir

Ken Wright Cellars, <i>Shea Vineyard</i> , 2016, Yamhill-Carlton	61 ½ btl
Weingut Bernhard Huber, <i>Spätburgunder</i> , 2012, Baden, Germany	77
Domaine Charles Audoin, <i>Les Longeroies</i> , 2013, Marsannay	87
Benjamin Leroux, 2015, Savigny-les-Beaune	97
Nicolas Rossignol, <i>Pommard</i> , 2012, Côte de Beaune	136
Domaine Mugneret, <i>Les Seuvrées</i> , 2011, Gevrey-Chambertin	136
Eyrie Vineyards, 2015, Dundee Hill, OR	85
Robert Sinskey, 2014, Los Carneros, CA	91
El Molino, 2012, Rutherford	148
J.K. Carriere, <i>Vespidae</i> , 2014, Willamette Valley, OR	88

Italy

Barbacàn Azienda Agricola, 2015, Rosso di Valtellina	55
Musso, <i>Langhe</i> , 2015, Piedmont	61
Vigneti Massa, <i>Monleale</i> , 2010, Piedmont	63
Azienda Agricola Pugnane, 2008, Barolo	96
Albino Rocca, <i>MonTERSINO</i> , 2014, Barbaresco	85
La Togata, <i>Brunello di Montalcino</i> , 2012, Tuscany	124
Bussola, <i>Amarone della Valpolicella Classico</i> , 2011, Veneto	136

Rhône Varietals

Domaine Gramenon, <i>Les Laurentides</i> , 2014, Côte du Rhone	81
Arnot-Roberts, <i>Syrah</i> , 2015, Sonoma Coast	91
Jacques Lemenicier, 2015, Cornas	103
Domaine Rostaing, <i>Ampodium</i> , 2015, Côte-Rôtie	160
Domaine du Coulet, <i>Billes Noires</i> , 2011, Cornas	161
Château Pradeaux, 2013, Bandol	106

Spain & Portugal

Dido, <i>La Universal</i> , 2015, Monstant	43
Lagar de Baixo, <i>Baga</i> , 2013, Bairrada, Portugal	52
Marqués de Vargas, <i>Reserva</i> , 2012, Rioja	68
Emilio Moro, 2015, Ribera del Duero	59
Alvaro Palacios, <i>Finca Dofi</i> , 2014, Priorat	170

Bordeaux Varietals

Owen Roe, <i>Rosa Mystica</i> , 2015, Yakima Valley, WA	64
Chappellet, <i>Moutain Cuvée</i> , 2016, Pritchard Hill, CA	76
Paradigm, 2013, Oakville-Napa Valley, CA	159
Efeste, <i>Big Papa</i> , 2013, Columbia Valley, WA	133
Scholium Project, <i>Wolf Skill Reserve</i> , 2012, Suisun Valley, CA	201
Blackbird Vineyards, <i>Arise</i> , 2013, Napa Valley, CA	99
Jarvis, <i>Merlot</i> , 2012, Napa Valley, CA	157
Long Meadow Ranch, 2013, Napa Valley, CA	115
Château Moulin de Tricot, 2013, Margaux	106
Domaine du Jaugaret, 2011, St. Julien	211

Off the Beaten Path

Gamay, Antoine Sunier, <i>Régnié</i> , 2016, Beaujolais	46
Zinfandel, Les Lunes, <i>Venturi Vineyards</i> , 2015, Ukiah, CA	55
Cunoise, Broc Cellars, 2015, Mendocino, CA	61