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Sale e Pepe, Marco Beach Ocean Resort's gourmet Italian restaurant, has earned its 11th consecutive Best of Award of Excellence from Wine Spectator magazine. It's the only restaurant on Marco Island to receive the prestigious award for its top-quality wine list and is among an elite group of only 1,093 Best of Award of Excellence recipients worldwide.

Best of Award of Excellence recipients must offer a wine list of typically 350 or more selections, consistently provide a superior presentation and display either vintage depth — with several vertical offerings of top wines — or excellent breadth across several wine regions; Sale e Pepe offers 475 selections and a 4,500-bottle inventory.

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The cuisine Sale e Pepe is the work of Executive Chef Alessio Selleri — born and raised in the town of Campi Salentina in southeastern Italy — who, with his culinary team, creates a menu reminiscent of his homeland. Selleri and his team cook with the freshest ingredients, complemented by South Florida's fresh produce and seafood, to create a dining experience that embraces the culinary traditions of southern Italy in a unique and progressive style, from preparation to presentation.

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Best of Awards of Excellence, has also been recognized as a AAA Four Diamond award-winning restaurant each year since 2006 and was recently ranked No. 2 among Marco Island's top restaurants on USA Today's 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards.

The resort itself also has an AAA Four Diamond rating and was ranked No. 16 on Travel and Leisure World's 2013 list of "Top Resorts in the Continental U.S." Marco Beach Ocean Resort also earned the Wedding Wire Couples' Choice Award in 2015; was recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as one of the top 25 resorts in Florida's Gulf of Mexico and Central regions; was named among the top 400 hotels worldwide by Expedia+ members; and was inducted into the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame.

Marco Beach Ocean Resort is located at 480 South Collier Blvd. on Marco Island. Shopping, entertainment and dining are all within walking distance, and golf, boating, fishing, kayaking and nature tours are nearby. For additional information on the resort, call 239-393-1400 or visit marcoresort.com. To make reservations at Sale e Pepe, call 239-393-1600 or visit sale-e-pepe.com.



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Sale e Pepe, located within the Marco Beach Ocean Resort, offers fine dining with a Gulf view.