



## **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

***Leading Hotels of the World:*** 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

***Fine Hotels & Resorts:*** 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

***Andrew Harper's Q-Club:*** 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

### **2016 Awards**

*Four-Star rated Resort, Spa and Lucia Restaurant*  
*One of only 8 "Triple 4-Star" winners in California and 23 in the United States*  
***Forbes (Mobil) Travel Guide – February 2016***

*Bernardus Lodge #5 Best Monterey Hotels*  
***US News – January 2016***

*2016 Top 10 Hotel Restaurants in the U.S.*  
***Gayot.com – January 2016***

### **2015 Awards**

*2015 Award of Excellence for Accommodations*  
***Carmel Chamber of Commerce – December 2015***

*"Top 30 Hotels in Northern California: Reader's Choice" #13*  
***Conde Nast Traveler– October 2015***

*"2015 Golden Pine Cones"*  
*Best Chef*  
*Best Restaurant Service*  
***The Carmel Pine Cone – October 2015***

*2015 Top 10 Restaurants with the Best Food in Monterey/Carmel Area*  
***Gayot.com – October 2015***

*Editor's choice of Classiest, Most Exclusive New Hotels in the World: #2*  
**World Travel – September 2015**

*2015 Readers' Choice "Top 20 Food & Wine Resorts"*  
**Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report – September 2015**

*Top 10 Wine Country Inns in the U.S.*  
**Gayot.com – September 2015**

*Best of Award of Excellence for Lucia Restaurant & Bar*  
**Wine Spectator – July 2015**

*AAA Four Diamond Award*  
**AAA Travel Services – January 2015**

*"The Top 50 California Spas of 2014"*  
**Spas of America – January 2015**

*"Best Hotels in the USA"*  
*Bernardus Lodge & Spa received the "Best Hotels in the USA" award, which represent the top 10 percent in the United States.*  
**U.S. News & World Report – January 2015**

*Four-Star rated Resort, Spa and Marinus Restaurant*  
**Forbes (Mobil) Travel Guide – January 2015**

### **2014 Awards**

*2014 Silver Magellan Award Winner*  
**Travel Weekly – September 2014**

*2014 Readers' Choice "Top 20 Food & Wine Resorts"*  
**Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report – September 2014**

*2014 Readers' Choice "Top 20 Spa Resorts"*  
**Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report – September 2014**

*"2014 Top 100 Restaurants in America"*  
*Marinus Restaurant listed #34*  
**Opinionated About Dining – March 2014**

*"Best Hotels in the USA"*  
*Bernardus Lodge & Spa received the "Best Hotels in the USA" award, which represent the top 10 percent in the United States.*  
**U.S. News & World Report – January 2014**

*“The Top 100 Spas of 2013”*  
***Spas of America – January 2014***

*“Top 25 Hotels in Northern California: Readers Choice” #5*  
***Conde Nast Traveler Gold List – January 2014***

*The World’s Best Places to Stay “Gold List”*  
***Conde Nast Traveler – January 2014***

*Four-Star rated Resort, Spa and Marinus Restaurant*  
***Forbes (Mobil) Travel Guide – January 2014***

*AAA Four Diamond Award*  
***AAA Travel Services – January 2014***

### **2013 Awards**

*“Top 75 U.S. Hotel Spas, “#34 in the United States”*  
***Conde Nast Traveler – February 2013***

*World’s Best Awards*  
***Travel & Leisure – August 2013***

*Marinus Restaurant, Top 100 Best Restaurants in America*  
***OpenTable Diners’ Choice Awards – December 2013***

*“Grand Award” recognized Marinus as one of the “best in the world for wine lovers”*  
***Wine Spectator – July 2013***

*Bernardus Lodge #3 Best Hotels on the Monterey Peninsula*  
*Bernardus Lodge, #13 Best Hotels in California*  
***US News – January 2013***

*“Best of Monterey County, California”*  
*Best Chef, Cal Stamenov*  
*Best White Wine, Sauvignon Blanc*  
***Monterey County Weekly – March 2013***

*Four-Star Rated Resort, Spa and Marinus Restaurant*  
*“Long considered one of the finest winemaking estates in California, the Lodge has a scenic Central Valley location and luxurious guest rooms, including feather beds, cozy fireplaces and oversized bathtubs for two. A spa also offers a wide variety of treatments. The Lodge’s restaurant, Marinus, is an epicurean’s delight.”*  
***Forbes (Mobil) Travel Guide – January 2013***

*Marinus Restaurant, Top 100 US Restaurants*  
***Opinionatedaboutdining.com – December 2012***

*The World's Best Places to Stay "Gold List"*

*"You'll enjoy beautiful scenery all around," thanks in part to the property's eight acres of wine vineyards and 300 rose bushes. "I was greeted with a glass of their vineyard's wine and then escorted to my room overlooking the valley."*

**Conde Nast Traveler – December 2012**

## **2012 Awards**

*"The Ten Best Restaurants in the San Francisco Bay Area"*

**Restaurant & Foodies News / Zagat Blog – October 2012**

*"Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, #8 in Northern California"*

**Conde Nast Traveler, Best in the World – October 2012**

*"Best Hotels in the USA 2012"*

**U.S. News – January 2012**

*World's Best Awards*

**Travel & Leisure – August 2012**

*"2012 Platinum Choice Award Winner"*

*"Chosen by readers with input from industry experts, Platinum Choice Awards are presented only to select properties in the western region which have demonstrated a high level of on-going, overall excellence and high standards in service, amenities and overall meeting accommodations."*

**Smart Meetings – October 2012**

*"Top Ten wine country inns in the US"*

**Gayot.com – October 2012**

*"Grand Award" recognized Marinus as one of the "best in the world for wine lovers"*

**Wine Spectator – since 2012**

*"Award of Excellence" wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*

**Wine Spectator – since 2012**

*2012 Award of Excellence*

**Carmel Chamber of Commerce – December 2012**

*"2012 Golden Pine Cones"*

*Best Monterey County Chardonnay*

*Best Monterey County Pinot Noir*

*Best Tasting Room*

*My Favorite Monterey County Wine*

**The Carmel Pine Cone – October 2012**

*"Best of Monterey County, California"*

*Best Chef, Cal Stamenov*

*Best Restaurant, Marinus*  
*Best White Wine, Sauvignon Blanc*  
**Monterey County Weekly – February 2012**

*Four-Star rated Resort, Spa and Marinus Restaurant*  
**Forbes (Mobil) Travel Guide – January 2012**

*AAA Four Diamond Award*

*Bernardus Lodge is a premier luxury resort that combines the simple elegance of fine country living, with the high quality of service and luxury amenities found in only the choicest European hotels. Here, discriminating travelers can experience the finest accommodations, cuisine, viticulture, spa services and recreational venues in a singular environment.*

**AAA Travel Services – January 2012**

### **2011 Awards**

*“Top 20 Food & Wine Resorts”*

*Out of the over 1,000 properties recommended, Bernardus Lodge was voted #1 in the Andrew Harper’s 2011 Reader Survey of “Top 20 Food & Wine Resorts”.*

**Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report – October 2011**

*“2011 Platinum Choice Award Winner”*

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**Smart Meetings – October 2011**

*World’s Best Awards*

**Travel & Leisure – August 2011**

*Four-Star rated Resort, Spa and Marinus Restaurant*  
**Forbes (Mobil) Travel Guide – January 2011**

*“Grand Award” recognized Marinus as one of the “best in the world for wine lovers”*  
**Wine Spectator – since 2011**

*“Award of Excellence” wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*  
**Wine Spectator – since 2011**

### **2010 Awards**

*“Top 100 Hotels in the United States”*

**Conde Nast Traveler, 23rd Annual Readers’ Choice Awards – November 2010**

*2010 Readers’ Choice “Top 20 U.S. Hideaways”*

**Andrew Harper’s Hideaway Report – September 2010**

*The World's Best Places to Stay "Gold List"*

*"This vineyard lodge comprises a French country home with copper chandeliers and "modern rustic" Monterey Territorial adobe guesthouses along a terraced hill with stone fireplaces. Dining on local catch at the casual Wickets Bistro is "first-class all the way." "Staff arrived with crackers, cheese, and wine one night when I wasn't feeling well."*

***Conde Nast Traveler – January 2010***

*"The Best of the Best"- Spas of America's Top 50 Spas of 2009*

***Spas of America – January 2010***

*World's Best Awards*

***Travel & Leisure – August 2010***

*"Grand Award" recognized Marinus as one of the "best in the world for wine lovers"*

***Wine Spectator –2010***

*"Award of Excellence" wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*

***Wine Spectator –2010***

### **2009 Awards**

*Top 500 World's "Best Hotels"*

*"This Mediterranean-style resort in the Santa Lucia Mountains is one of Carmel's most romantic retreats, with featherbeds, in-room fireplaces, and surrounding vineyards."*

***Travel & Leisure – January 2009***

*The World's Best Places to Stay "Gold List"*

*"This off-the-beaten-track-lodge among vineyards and rose bushes has its own wine label. Adobe village-like buildings along a hillside have suites with high-class rustic décor: hand-plastered walls and wood-burning limestone fireplaces."*

***Conde Nast Traveler – January 2009***

*World's Best Awards*

***Travel & Leisure – August 2009***

*"Grand Award" recognized Marinus as one of the "best in the world for wine lovers"*

***Wine Spectator –2009***

*"Award of Excellence" wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*

***Wine Spectator –2009***

## **2008 and Earlier Awards**

*Bernardus Lodge selected as one of the "Worlds 400 Best Hotels"*  
**ForbesTraveler.com – November 2008**

*Bernardus Lodge Ranked #49 in the Top 100 World's "Best Hotels" and #12 in the Top 100 "Continental U.S. Hotels"*

**Travel & Leisure – November 2008**

*Top 400 World's "Best Hotels"*

**Forbes Traveler – October 2008**

*"Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, #34 in the United States"*

**Conde Nast Traveler, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Readers' Choice Awards – November 2008**

*World's Best Awards*

**Travel & Leisure – August 2008**

*Spa Road Trip, "Up the California Coast"*

*"...Bernardus is that travelers delight, a small hotel (57 rooms) with outsize strengths: an excellent restaurant, a broad wine list (owner Ben Pon makes Marinus, one of California's top red wines), and a modest-size spa (5,300 square feet) with major talent. Mags Pasadilla, who trained at Esalen and is a 2007 Hall of Famer, gives a penetrating deep-tissue massage that incorporates liberating lower back stretches..."*

**Luxury SpaFinder – March/April 2008**

### **Top 54 Spas "New Treatments, Trends"**

*The readers of Conde Nast Traveler's Annual Spa Poll rated The Spa at Bernardus Lodge, as the 5<sup>th</sup> leading spa in the hotel category and within the Top 54 Spas in North American and the Caribbean. Readers evaluated their favorite spas using a 100-point scale and judging criteria that rated location/setting, treatments, staff/service and workout facilities.*

**Conde Nast Traveler – April 2008**

*The World's Best Places to Stay "Gold List", "Reserve List" and winner of Top Three Hotels in "The Best by Service"*

*"Situated among vineyards, these adobe guesthouses perfectly combine rusticity and luxury. Rooms have feather beds, limestone fireplaces, beamed ceilings and French doors that lead to private balconies with views of the Santa Lucia Mountains. The service leaves nothing to be desired. Marinus has seasonal California cuisine that includes scallops, prawn beignets: wines are from the property's vineyards. The spa's antioxidant facial uses a mask of mud and crushed grape seeds."*

**Conde Nast Traveler – January 2008**

*"Grand Award" recognized Marinus as one of the "best in the world for wine lovers"*

**Wine Spectator –2008**

*"Award of Excellence" wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*

**Wine Spectator –2008**

*60 Spas We Love, winner of “Therapist Hall of Fame”*

*“We loved the deep tissue massage”. Flow and integration are the pillars of his technique, the product of his Salem training. His version of deep tissue incorporates a repertoire of penetrating hip and lower-back stretches that I’ve never encountered before (or since). Mags Padadilla himself is a reason to check in here.”*

***Luxury Spa Finder – November/December 2007***

*“Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, #6 in the United States” and “#50 in the World”*

***Conde Nast Traveler, Readers’ Choice Awards – November 2007***

*Top 500 World’s “Best Hotels”*

***Travel & Leisure – January 2007***

*The World’s Best Places to Stay “Gold List”*

***Conde Nast Traveler – January 2007***

*“Grand Award” recognized Marinus as one of the “best in the world for wine lovers”*

***Wine Spectator –2007***

*“Award of Excellence” wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*

***Wine Spectator – 2007***

*#49 in the Top 100 Continental U.S and Canada Hotels World’s Best Awards Annual list*

***Travel & Leisure – August 2006***

*The World’s Best Places to Stay “Gold List” and “Reserve list”*

*“Guest staying in these adobe guesthouses praises the food: Marinus has an unbelievable wine cellar – with 10,000 bottles from the lodge’s vineyard-organic California cuisine that demands a four-hour dinner. Accommodations have vaulted ceilings, limestone fireplaces and French doors with mountain or garden views. Staff perform the best ever turndown ritual, complete with wine and a cheese plate.”*

***Conde Nast Traveler – January 2006***

*Top 500 World’s “Best Hotels”*

*“Sophisticated lodge surrounded by vineyards in Carmel Valley, 15 minutes from town. Competitive Edge secluded and romantic, with feather beds, fireplaces and oversized tubs. Rooms to book are Santa Lucia rooms that have the best mountain views. Don’t miss dinner at Marinus (try the local prawns with truffle vinaigrette).”*

***Travel & Leisure – January 2006***

*“Bernardus Lodge, Carmel Valley, “#36 in the United States”*

***Conde Nast Traveler, Readers’ Choice Awards – November 2005***

*Top 10 Favorite Spas of “Most Romantic”*

***Luxury Spa Finder – Readers’ Choice Award 2005***

*“Top 25 Country Hotels”*

***Departures – 2004***



*Grand Award Winner for "Hideaways of the Year" and America's "Top 20 U.S. Resorts"*  
**Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report – 2004**

*America's "Top 20 U.S. Resorts and "Best Resort Restaurant"*  
**Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report – 2003**

*"Grand Award" recognized Marinus as one of the "best in the world for wine lovers"*  
**Wine Spectator – since 2001**

*"Award of Excellence" wine list-recognized Wickets Restaurant at Bernardus Lodge*  
**Wine Spectator – since 2000**

*"Top restaurants in the San Francisco Bay area," Marinus*  
**Zagat Survey – since 2004**

*Instant Escapes, "30 True Getaways less than 2 hours from home"*

"For me the perfect day must end with a perfect dinner. If I can take my 10 best friends anywhere – and I mean anywhere- for dinner, I would treat them to Chef Cal Stamenov's tasting menu at Marinus. Served either in the kitchen or at one of 17 tables in the dining room, the meal is always enthralling and seems to last as long as the afternoon trek. Sitting by the restaurant's castle-worthy fireplaces, we surrender our humdrum everyday personas as Stamenov, who has cooed with Alain Ducasse, Jean-Louis Palladin and Masa Koboashi, sweeps us away. We happen to arrive during truffle season, and for each of the three fungi-focused courses, Wine Director Mark Jensen picks the perfect dance partner."

**San Francisco Magazine – April 2008**

"...Marinus at Bernardus Lodge epitomizes the good life. Greeting strangers warmly is an art, and everyone, from the busboy to the sommelier, was disarming. When deliberating whether to opt for three courses or five: whether to select from the encyclopedic wine list or allow Wine Director Mark Jensen to create a pairing, such trust lightens the burden of decision making."

**The Oakland Tribune – May 2007**

"Chef Cal Stamenov has made Carmel Valley a dining destination with exquisite meals showcasing impeccable California ingredients and classic French cooking techniques. The setting is elegant but comfortable and the wine list is impressive."

**San Jose Mercury - September 2007**

*"Best White Wine," Chardonnay*  
**Monterey County Weekly – since 2008**

*"Award of Excellence"*  
**Monterey Chamber of Commerce – 2006, 2008**

*"Best Restaurant in Monterey County," Marinus*  
**Monterey County Weekly – since 2004**

*“Best Red Wine,” Marinus*  
*Monterey County Weekly – 2004-2007*

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