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THALIA, *New York*
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Thalia, a newcomer to New York's Theater District, has a wine list that's more like a two-man show than a grandiose musical. The compact 120-selection wine list is organized by body and flavor rather than by varietal. Complementing a contemporary American menu, the wine list's spectrum from "light, crisp and refreshing" to "classic, full-bodied and rich" features some lesser-known varietals.

California Chardonnays and white Burgundies are prominent among the white selections, with varieties such as Albariño, Gewürztraminer and Riesling also represented. There are options at all price points; Bordeaux, Rhône and Napa dominate the reds.

Restaurant general manager Gunter Gebhard explains that his philosophy is not just to go for the big names of France and California, but to provide exposure to some of the more undiscovered wineries. "We are preserving old ideas and combining them with new ideas—giving history a chance to relive itself."