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tools of the trade

Santé asked sommeliers and beverage managers around the country what their favorite, can't-live-without-them wine-service tools are. Here is what they said:

What is your favorite everyday wine glass and why?

Andrew Fallis, beverage manager of the Oak Steakhouse Restaurant in Charleston, South Carolina, prefers "Stolze's Bordeaux glass because big Cabs and Italian wines are prevalent on our wine list and the shape of the glass is perfect for wine aeration."

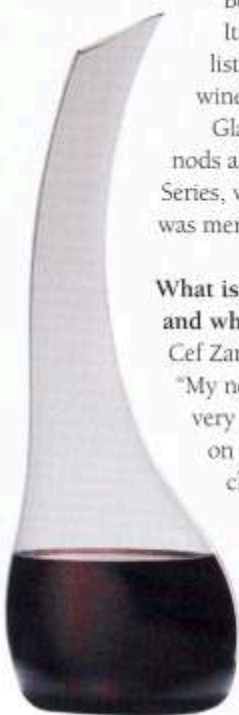
Glassware industry icon Riedel received several nods as well, especially for its Vinum and Restaurant Series, while Spiegelau's Junger Weisswein glassware was mentioned as well.



What is your favorite decanter and why?

Cef Zambrano of Del Frisco's in Fort Worth, Texas, says, "My new favorite decanter is the Riedel Cornetto. It is very easy to use, it doesn't take up very much room on the tables in our dining room, and it is also very classy and elegant." Steven Teaver of Sonnenalp Resort in Vail agrees: "For an older, more delicate wine, I like a decanter with a more cylindrical shape like the Riedel Cornetto."

Also noted were Spiegelau's Captain decanter, wineaccessoriesmart.com's bubble decanter, and Riedel's Vinum Series decanter.



What is your favorite corkscrew and why?

Shelley Lindgren of A16 in San Francisco has "a love affair with Laguiole."

"At work I carry two corkscrews," says Steven Teaver, "a Le Thiers that has a 4.5-turn worm and a Laguiole that has a 5.5-turn worm for longer corks." Andrew Fallis sums up the appeal of the Laguiole corkscrew, saying that it has "perfect weight and performance. It never wears out . . . [and is the] most sought-after tool in the industry."



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