

BOTTLES UP!

Dine and drink deals that delight

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Federal Pizza

Bored of the same old happy hour? Then why not try an actual board – a board and bottle deal, that is. We found 10 of the best bets for bottles, beers, boards and other out-of-the-box options at Phoenix restaurants right now.

Clever Koi

Taking you out of the norm with its Asian cuisine play on the board concept, Clever Koi offers guests their choice of any two rice or noodle dishes plus a bottle of select red or white wine for \$50 every Monday and Wednesday. Think zesty yakisoba noodles with shrimp, scallops, green sriracha, peanuts and bulgogi paired with wines including Era, an Italian pinot grigio, or The Seeker, a German riesling. 4236 N. Central Ave., Phoenix; 602.222.3474; www.thecleverkoi.com.

Crudo

It's a board alright – but a polenta one! Join Crudo Wednesday from 5 to 10 p.m. to indulge in their polenta board deal, which is \$20 per person and includes one bottle of wine per group of four. The polenta board is served family style and includes a salad course using local veggies in addition to the actual polenta, which is made with Hayden Mills local polenta and includes a different protein each week. 3603 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix; 602.358.8666; www.crudoaz.com.

Dust Cutter at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown Hotel

It's the crispiest of deals – and with beer! Offered every Wednesday for just \$10, Dust Cutter gives guests the chance to enjoy their Pamplona chorizo crisp, which is a Sonoran-infused twist on a traditional flatbread pizza blended with cotija cheese, blistered tomatoes and fresh avocado mousse, along with a selection of craft beers. This month, they boast eight selections of local draft beers from across Arizona as part of the deal. 100 N. 1st St., Phoenix; 602.333.0000; www.renhotelpHX.com.

Federal Pizza

Every Monday and Tuesday from 8 to 11 p.m., night owls can indulge in Federal Pizza's \$20 deal, which includes a house bottle of red or white wine and choice of pizza. Check out this favorite combination: the Big Star Pizza, which is topped with Schreiner's sausage, Molinari pepperoni, red and yellow bell peppers, mushrooms, red sauce, olives and wood-roasted onions, paired with a bottle of Scarpetta or an Italian pinot grigio. 5210 N. Central Ave., Phoenix; 602.795.2520; www.federalpizza.com.



Postino WineCafe

Linger Longer Lounge

Every Monday, linger into the Linger Longer Lounge for their \$20 bottle and board deal. Available from open to close, their board includes revolving finger foods including meats, cheeses and fruits along with a select bottle or red or white wine. 6522 N. 16th St., Phoenix; 602.264.4549; www.lingerlongeraz.com.

North Italia

The only almost-daily bottle and board deal in town, North offers this \$20 option to guests Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. and all day Sunday. It features your choice of a pizza, bruschetta or chef's board, which serves two to three and includes prosciutto di parma, artisan cheese, marinated eggplant, roasted peppers, olives and marcona almonds, and a select red or white bottle of wine (varietals vary monthly). 4925 N. 40th St., Phoenix; 602.324.5600; www.northitaliarestaurant.com.

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Who could forget the pioneers of the bottle-and-board deal concept in the Valley? On Monday and Tuesday nights after 8 p.m., guests can choose any house bottle of wine and a bruschetta board, which includes four pieces (each cut into four slices) and enough to share, for just \$20. Bruschetta options such as the tomato jam and fresh sheep's milk cheese or prosciutto with figs and mascarpone cheese can be paired with wines including Holly's Way Chardonnay or Perfekt Riesling. Gluten-free bread is available. Multiple locations; www.postinowinecafe.com.

Rott n' Grapes

On Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to close, join Rott n' Grapes for their Bottle and Board special. Order any bottle \$25 and up, and get their signature charcuterie board along with it. The massive board includes three cheeses, three meats, mixed olives, a selection of dried fruits and nuts. It's finished off with freshly toasted baguettes served with extra virgin olive oil. 4750 N. Central Ave., Phoenix; 602.888.1667; www.rottingrapes.com.

The Market Restaurant + Bar by Jennifer's

Nosh away every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to close at The Market. This deal includes any house bottle of red or white wine (list changes regularly) and one of Jennifer's famous "nosh boards" for \$25. The various boards – clearly meant to be shared – include everything from assorted artisan cheeses, fruit compote, mixed nuts, tapenade, crostini, Hayden Flour Mills crackers, fine meats, shallots, crostini, veggies and more. 3603 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix; 602.626.5050; www.themarketphx.com.

Timo Wine Bar

Timo knows how to make a date night go right. Every Monday, they offer a few select bottles of hand-chosen red or white wine (always four or five to choose from) along with one of their award-winning pizzas for just \$25. And if a Sunday night date is more your speed, they have you covered with a bottle of Italian wine (again, from their select options) and eggplant lasagna for two for \$29. 8801 N. Central Ave., Phoenix; 602.354.3846; www.timooncentral.com.

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