



CHINA'S
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AWARDS

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- WINNERS ANNOUNCED -

SHANGHAI: Tonight, Tuesday, October 2019, the highly anticipated results of the **2019 China's Wine List of the Year Awards – Mainland China** and also **Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan** were announced to an audience of greater China's leading sommeliers, VIP's, Award Partners and Supporters, Wine judges from around the world, government representatives and media with a live broadcast of the Awards Presentation Ceremony.

And the winners are

China's Wine List of the Year 2019 – Mainland China

CAFÉ GRAY DELUXE – The Middle House, Shanghai

AND

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dinner while enjoying the best of steaks from Japan, the United States and Australia and some of the world's finest seafood. For most, Daniel Wang's wine list will be memorable because of the quality of its international offerings by the glass while those who win at the casino can delight in choosing from several vintages of the world's finest: Salon, Latour, Hermitage La Chapelle, Vega Sicilia 'Unico', Yquem and more". Peter Forrestal, Co-Chairman of Judges.

Also announced in Shanghai tonight was a special addition to the coveted **China's Wine List of the Year Awards – Hall of Fame – Individual Award Winners** – with the induction of the Awards foundation winner and long term supporter of the Awards **Mr Paul Lo, Director of Food and Beverage, Lisboa Complex, Macau**. As the first winner of the **China Wine List of the Year Awards** in 2013, **Robuchon au Dome, Grand Lisboa Hotel**, under **Paul**, then also became the first venue in greater China to be inducted into the **China Wine List of the year Awards – Hall of fame – Main Award Winners**.

Beijing first – in 2019 also, for the first time ever, the announcements and Award Presentations in Shanghai were preceded by a **China Wine List of the Year Awards Presentation event in Beijing** as well. At the **Beijing Awards Presentation**, all the winners of the various Award Categories for the Beijing / Northern China region were announced culminating in the announcement of the **China Wine List of the Year Awards - Best Wine List in Northern China - Il Ristorante – Beijing**.

Again in 2019 the big winners with **China's Wine List of the Year Awards** are greater China's **Hospitality and Tourism Industries** and greater **China's ever more discerning Consumers** everywhere who benefit from the significant gains that are being achieved each year with the standard of greater China's wine lists.

Every year the standard of the wine lists that showcase these industries and are available to those consumers continues to rise with the average score for all entrants in 2018 achieving 2.0 Glasses for the first time!

This outstanding result across all entrants and across the country underpins the growing standard of China's Wine Lists today. So, not only are China's best wine list getting better but the whole industry is improving – one of the ultimate goals of these Awards!

In **2019** the most popular categories entered by applicants were again **Best Wine by the Glass List** followed again also by **Best Food and Wine Matching Wine List** and **Best Champagne List**. **Best Listing of Chinese Wines** was the next most strongly supported category this year which is a great trend for China's growing Domestic Wine Industry!

2019 was also a record year for the **Independent Restaurant** sector across Greater China reflecting the increased focus by this category on creating outstanding wine offers for their customers and wanting to say so! Strong support also for the **Best Medium List (100 wines)** as well as the **Best Small List (50 wines)** categories – lists that the judges recognise are often harder to create well than large lists.



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Finally, it's great to hear of the impact on respective businesses that success in the Awards is bringing to those deserving of recognition and reward for the outstanding levels they are achieving.

Quote from Co-Chairman of Judges Peter Forrestal on the 2019 Awards ... *"The seventh annual China's Wine List of the Year Awards reinforced in a public way the strength of the hospitality industry throughout China by focusing attention on its most enterprising sommeliers and those who organise and invest in its finest restaurants. The Awards in 2019, were dominated by Shanghai and Hong Kong although success found its way to all corners of the country. In the past year or two, what has pleased the judges most has been the increased commitment of sommeliers to wines by the glass. They have also been delighted by the way increasing numbers of sommeliers have managed to develop lists which complement their restaurant's cuisine more completely than ever before. The work done in Chinese restaurants is particularly exhilarating".*

Quote from Co-Chairman of Judges Brian Julyan MS on the 2019 Awards ... *"This competition has been as close as ever and all finalists should be congratulated. As in previous years, the considerable thought and effort which has been put in to produce these excellent lists is clearly illustrated and the attention to detail well noted. Each list has its own special attributes and collectively they show a high level of understanding of the selections necessary to suit the menu of their individual restaurant as well as the needs of their customers. The majority include Traditional favourites along with some innovative and exciting 'new kids on the block', and the improvement in WBG options is to be applauded as is the increase in the number of Chinese options as these have a lot to offer. Well done to everyone involved".*

AWARD WINNERS & FINALISTS – 2019

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- Canton Disco, Shanghai
- Oyster & Wine Bar, Hong Kong
- Lobster Bar & Grill, Hong Kong

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- MAIN AWARD WINNERS -

- L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon – Shanghai (2018)
- 8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana – Hong Kong (2018)
- House of Roosevelt – Shanghai (2017)
- Yan Toh Heen – Hong Kong (2017)
- Hakkasan – Shanghai (2016)
- Aux Beaux Arts – Macau (2016)
- Franck – Shanghai (2015)
- Restaurant Petrus, Island Shangri-La – Hong Kong (2015)
- Napa Wine Bar & Kitchen – Shanghai (2014)
- L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon – Hong Kong (2014)
- Robuchon au Dôme, Grand Lisboa Hotel – Macau (2013)

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- THREE TIME SPECIALIST AWARD WINNERS -

- Duke's (Guangdong) Best List Southern China (2013, 2015, 2017)
- 121BC (Hong Kong) Best Wine Bar List (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Oyster & Wine Bar (Hong Kong) Best Wine by the Glass List (2013, 2015, 2016)

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- INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS -

- LU Yang (2017/2018)
- Paul Lo (2019)

BEST WINE LIST - EASTERN CHINA

- Café Gray Deluxe (Shanghai)

BEST WINE LIST - NORTHERN CHINA

- Il Ristorante (Beijing)

BEST WINE LIST - SOUTHERN CHINA

- Pipette (Shenxhen)

BEST WINE LIST - WESTERN CHINA

- Tivano (Chengdu)



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- Oyster & Wine Bar (Hong Kong)

BEST WINE LIST - MACAU SRA

- SW Steakhouse (Macau)

BEST WINE LIST - TAIWAN

- Bencotto (Taipei)

BEST INDEPENDENT RESTAURANT WINE LIST

- M on the bund (Shanghai)

BEST HOTEL RESTAURANT WINE LIST

- SW Steakhouse (Macau)

BEST CHINESE RESTAURANT WINE LIST

- Hakkasan (Shanghai)

BEST CLUB WINE LIST

- La Cave (Hong Kong)

BEST WINE BAR LIST

- Café Grey Deluxe (Shanghai)

BEST NEW WINE LIST - opened in last year

- Canton Disco (Shanghai)

BEST SMALL WINE LIST - 50 wines maximum

- Big Bur Beer & Barbeque (Hong Kong)

BEST MEDIUM WINE LIST - 100 wines maximum

- 121 BC (Hong Kong)

BEST WINES BY THE GLASS LIST

- Hakkasan (Shanghai)

BEST FOOD & WINE MATCHING LIST – sponsored by Fun Wine

- Sir Elly's (Shanghai)

BEST CHAMPAGNE LIST

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BEST LISTING OF CHINESE WINES - sponsored by [Cofco Great Wall](#)

- Sui Tang Li (Shanghai)
-

BEST LISTING OF CHINESE RICE WINES

- Man Wah (Guangdong)
-

BEST LISTING OF CHINESE SPIRITS - sponsored by [Kai Shan Chinese White Spirits](#)

- Man Wah (Guangdong)
-

BEST LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN WINES - sponsored by [Wine Australia](#)

- The House of Roosevelt (Shanghai)
-

BEST LISTING OF FRENCH WINES

- Petrus (Hong Kong)
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BEST LISTING OF GERMAN WINES - sponsored by [Wines of Germany](#)

- Petrus (Hong Kong)
-

BEST LISTING OF NEW ZEALAND WINES - sponsored by [Whitehaven](#)

- Hakkasan (Shanghai)
-

BEST LISTING OF SPANISH WINES - sponsored by [Wine from Spain](#)

- Las Tapas (Shanghai)
-

BEST SAKE LIST

- Shinpaku (Shanghai)
-

BEST APERITIF LIST

- Tivano (Chengdu)
-

BEST DIGESTIF LIST

- Jing Bar (Chengdu)
-

BEST COCKTAIL LIST

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- Air France – La Premiere

BEST LUXURY FINE WINE CELLAR LIST

- Petrus (Hong Kong)

BEST HOTEL GROUP WINE LIST

- **EXCELLENT** – Marriott
- **OUTSTANDING** – Shangri-La Four Seasons

BEST 'Core 'Wines by the Glass' LIST in a HOTEL GROUP

- **EXCELLENT** – Four Seasons
- **OUTSTANDING** – Mandarin Oriental Marriott

BEST RESTAURANT CHAIN WINE LIST

- **EXCELLENT** – 8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana Macau
- **OUTSTANDING** – Robuchon au Dome Xinrongji

BEST RESTAURANT WINE LIST BY SOMMELIER'S CHOICE

- L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon, Shanghai – Arneis Wu
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