



CHINA'S  
WINE LIST OF  
THE YEAR  
AWARDS

2020

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**CHINA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS - 2020  
- WINNERS ANNOUNCED -**

**SHANGHAI:** Tonight, Monday October 26th 2020, the highly anticipated results of the **2020 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 .....**

**1. China's Wine List of the Year 2020 – Mainland China**

**ENSUE – Shenzhen**

AND

As custodians of this winning list, the following Awards were also announced –  
**China's 'Outstanding Sommelier' of the Year 2020 – Mainland China**

- **Della Tang**

**China's Outstanding F&B Director/Manager/Owner of the Year 2020 – Mainland China**

- **Laurent Chevalier**

**2. China's Wine List of the Year 2020 – Hong Kong, Macau and  
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Again in 2020 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 highest percentage (%) ever of 3 Glass Wine Lists across China! This outstanding result further demonstrates the growing standard of greater China's best Wine Lists today.



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In **2020** 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**. For the first time this year the **Best Listing of Chinese Wines** was the next most strongly supported category which is a great trend for China's growing Domestic Wine Industry!

**2020** was also another 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!

Finally, it is very encouraging to hear of the positive 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 2020 Awards ...** *"As always, the 2020 China's Wine List of the Year charts the evolution of the hospitality industry in this country by documenting the work of the increasing numbers of trained sommeliers employed in the country's finest hotels and best restaurants. It highlights best practice and helps spread an understanding of industry trends. More and more restaurants are showing their personality in the lists they present. Increasingly, the cuisine of the restaurant is mirrored in the wines that are offered to diners. Innovations such as Coravin have made a huge difference to the quality of by the glass lists and this has made a greater range of wines available to restaurant customers. The emergence of the Chinese wine industry is increasingly reflected in the availability of local wines on the best lists. There is great excitement obvious in the fun that many sommeliers have in offering cocktails and an exhilarating range of spirits in China's bars and restaurants".*

**Quote from Co-Chairman of Judges Brian Julyan MS on the 2020 Awards ...** *"Each year the six finalists are outstanding examples of the art of compiling a wine list and this year is no exception. They have demonstrated the considerable thought and care which is now employed to producing wine lists in China, Hong Kong and Macau and this has now become the norm. The competition is becoming ever closer and if it continues in the same manner the end result will be a number of lists equal first. It is becoming that close. The development of WBG programmes has developed hugely giving the customer not only the opportunity to choose wines to suit individual dishes, which is not only highly appropriate for Asian cuisine, but also providing the opportunity to sample the enormous potential of Chinese wines, which all lists should now include. Over the years the wine lists have evolved significantly to meet the changes in menus and the needs of the consumer.*



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#### CHINA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR – 2020 FINALISTS

- Dot x Little Universe, Shanghai
- Il Ristorante Niko Romito, Beijing
- Man Wah, Hong Kong
- West Lake Bistro, Hangzhou.

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#### CHINA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR – HALL OF FAME

##### - MAIN AWARD WINNERS -

- Café Gray Deluxe – The Middle House, Shanghai (2019)
- SW Steakhouse – Wynn Palace, Macau (2019)
- L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon – Shanghai (2018)
- 8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana – Hong Kong (2018)
- House of Roosevelt – Shanghai (2017)
- Aux Beaux Arts – Macau (2016)
- Restaurant Petrus, Island Shangri-La – Hong Kong (2015)
- 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)
- Tivano (Chengdu) Best List Western China (2017, 2018, 2019)
- 121BC (Hong Kong) Best Wine Bar List (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Oyster & Wine Bar (Hong Kong) Best Wine by the Glass List (2013, 2015, 2016)
- Oyster & Wine Bar (Hong Kong) Best Champagne List (2017, 2018, 2019)

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### **CHINA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR – HALL OF FAME**

#### **- INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS –**

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

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### **BEST WINE LIST - EASTERN CHINA**

- Dot x Little Universe (Shanghai)

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### **BEST WINE LIST - NORTHERN CHINA**

- Il Ristorante Niko Romito (Beijing)

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### **BEST WINE LIST - SOUTHERN CHINA**

- Ensue (Shenzhen)

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### **BEST WINE LIST - WESTERN CHINA**

- Tivano (Sichuan)

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### **BEST WINE LIST - HONG KONG SRA**

- Man Wah (Hong Kong)

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### **BEST WINE LIST - MACAU SRA**

- 8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana (Macau)

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### **BEST WINE LIST - TAIWAN**

- Marco Polo (Taipei)

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### **BEST INDEPENDENT RESTAURANT WINE LIST**

- Ensue (Shenzhen)

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### **BEST HOTEL RESTAURANT WINE LIST**

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### **BEST CHINESE RESTAURANT WINE LIST**

- Xin Rong Ji Xinyuan South Road (Beijing)
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### **BEST CLUB RESTAURANT WINE LIST**

- La Cave (Hong Kong)
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### **BEST WINE BAR LIST – JOINT WINNERS**

- Tapas Wine Bar (Hong Kong)  
and
  - Vinotheque (Beijing)
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### **BEST NEW WINE LIST - opened in last year**

- Ensue (Shenzhen)
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### **BEST SMALL WINE LIST - 50 wines maximum**

- Waterside Terrace (Hong Kong)
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### **BEST MEDIUM WINE LIST - 100 wines maximum**

- Phenix (Shanghai)
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### **BEST WINES BY THE GLASS LIST**

- Petrus (Hong Kong)
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### **BEST FOOD & WINE MATCHING LIST**

- Oyster Talks (Beijing)
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### **BEST CHAMPAGNE LIST**

- Petrus (Hong Kong)
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### **BEST SPARKLING WINE LIST**

- 8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana (Hong Kong)
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### **BEST LISTING OF CHINESE WINES**

- The Bridge (Chengdu)
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### **BEST LISTING OF CHINESE RICE WINES**

- Man Wah (Hong Kong)
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### **BEST LISTING OF CHINESE SPIRITS**

- Xin Rong Ji - Jianguomenwai Street (Beijing)
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### **BEST LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN WINES**

- 1515 West Chophouse (Shanghai)



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### **BEST LISTING OF GERMAN WINES**

- The Eight (Macau)

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### **BEST LISTING OF NEW ZEALAND WINES**

- The House of Roosevelt (Shanghai)

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### **BEST LISTING OF SPANISH WINES**

- SW Steakhouse (Macau)

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### **BEST SAKE LIST**

- Shunpachi (Beijing)

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### **BEST APERITIF LIST**

- Jing Bar (Chengdu)

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### **BEST DIGESTIF LIST**

- Jing Bar (Chengdu)

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### **BEST COCKTAIL LIST – JOINT WINNERS**

- Jing Bar (Chengdu)  
and
- Atmosphere (Beijing)

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### **BEST BEER LIST**

- G Restaurant & Bar (Guangdong)

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### **BEST LISTING OF NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS**

- L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon (Shanghai)

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### **BEST INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE WINE LIST**

- Xiamen Airlines (Fujian)

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### **BEST LUXURY FINE WINE CELLAR LIST** - sponsored by Gerard Bertrand

- Robuchon au Dôme (Macau)
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**BEST HOTEL GROUP WINE LIST**

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- **OUTSTANDING –** Grand Lisboa Hotel                      Shangri-La Hotels

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

- **EXCELLENT –** Shangri-La Hotels
- **OUTSTANDING –** Galaxy Entertainment                      Marriott Hotels

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**BEST RESTAURANT CHAIN WINE LIST**

- **EXCELLENT –** Xin Rong Ji
- **OUTSTANDING –** Three on the Bund                      Mortons

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**BEST RESTAURANT WINE LIST BY SOMMELIER'S CHOICE**

- China Grill / Xin Rong Ji South Road - Meiyu Li (Beijing)
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## CHINA'S WINNING WINE LISTS – 2020

Mainland China

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– Shenzhen



*“In the eight-year history of these awards, no list has dominated the voting for Mainland China as completely as Ensue has done this year. Complementing the food of outstanding Californian chef, Christopher Kostow, and its farm-to-table culture, **Della Tang** and **Laurent Chevalier** present a list that makes accessible many of the world's finest wines. Its 37 wines by the glass, mostly under Coravin, include iconic wines from France, the Napa Valley, Italy, Spain and Germany. Arguably, it's the world's best list by the glass. The rest of the wine list is strongest in Burgundy and the Napa and yet circles the globe choosing outstanding wines from many great regions. There's the expected and the surprising: Clos Sainte Hune to Qupé; Araujo Estate to Tom Shobbrook. There's an interest in organic and biodynamic farming and the wines of China. A dazzling list. **Peter Forrestal, Co-Chairman of Judges**”*

Hong Kong - Macau - Taiwan

**8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana**  
– Macau



*“Since it opened in 2015, this restaurant's wine list has been highly regarded. What has happened in the past year has been transformative and it now enters a new dimension as one of China's most outstanding lists. The offering by the glass illustrate what has changed. While the numbers have only marginally increased, the quality has soared. A prestige champagne has been added. The substantial increased use of Coravin has been accompanied by a dramatic improvement in the quality of the Italian wines on show. Much of the credit must go to **Han Yew Kong** and the team: it's not just that they have had the opportunity of adding 500 wines to the list. It's what they have done to enhance its quality. **8½ Otto e Mezzo Bombana in Macau** now has an Italian list which matches the quality of its cuisine as well as listings of the most important French regions that enable it to strut with China's finest. **Peter Forrestal, Co-Chairman of Judges**.”*