

# The Diners Club Winelist Awards winners

The Diners Club Winelist Awards saw 71 restaurants in the Western Cape - including brasseries and bistros, cafés, destination and fine dining eateries - recognised at a ceremony presented at The One and Only, V&A Waterfront, Cape Town.

The Winelist Awards seek out restaurants that have innovative wine lists and are meticulous in offering compatible food and wine menus. In its 22nd year, the Winelist Awards accepted menus that had been submitted by licensed local restaurants.

## How restaurants are judged

This year's awards saw new judges and judging criteria. The revised criteria include a greater emphasis on suitability, just one of four criteria used to judge the lists. The other criteria are balance, content and presentation. Restaurants that are in step with the contemporary diner's preferences for good wines by the glass and for wine discoveries were rewarded.



Pardon Taguzu from Aubergine with JP Rossouw head judge of the Diners Club Winelist Awards

Restaurant wine lists are evaluated according to four criteria:

1. **Content:** Content includes the number of wines on the list, number of wines served by the glass, original and innovative choices, and cultivars sourced from appropriate regions.
2. **Balance:** Balance relates to the relationship between modestly and expensively priced wines, overall value, presence of local and imported varieties, and balance between established and new labels.
3. **Suitability:** Suitability measures the suitability of the wine list with the cuisine, as well as the fit with the image of the restaurant.
4. **Presentation:** Presentation is judged according to vintages, regions, accurate information, correct spelling and a clear design that is easy to read and navigate.

Looking at the quality of this year's competition, Diners Club Winelist head judge JP Rossouw, publisher of Platter's by Diners Club SA Wine Guide, pointed to the "pleasing and varied entries" the adjudicators received.

"It gets tougher every year for restaurants to either maintain or evolve their offering to their customers in the fast-paced and demanding culinary business. However, it's clear, looking at this year's entries that many eateries are up to the challenge of innovating and delighting patron's senses with tailored and relevant food and wine lists."

Twenty restaurants achieved Diamond status, the highest accolade, while 25 restaurants were awarded Platinum. Gold winners tallied 21 and five silver winners. The Diners Club Winelist Awards acknowledge excellence in participating restaurants in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Eastern Cape.

## **Gauteng Diners Club Winelist Award Winners**

Overall Winner Western Cape - Aubergine

### **Diamond Winners**

Karibu Restaurant  
The Square Restaurant - Vineyard Hotel  
Vineyard Hotel  
B's Steakhouse  
Ellerman House  
Grootbos Private Nature Reserve  
Bientang's Cave Restaurant & Wine Bar  
Kitima @ the Kronendal  
Raya Kitchen by Kitima  
Bosman's Restaurant @ the Grande Roche Hotel  
Aubergine Restaurant  
The Table Bay Hotel  
Signal at Cape Grace Hotel  
Meloncino  
City Grill Steakhouse  
The Greek Fisherman  
Bombay Restaurant  
Equus  
Azure Restaurant  
Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve

### **Platinum Winners**

Blowfish Restaurant

The Victoria Falls Hotel  
Pierneef á La Motte  
The Hussar Grill - Grand West Casino  
The Hussar Grill - Camps Bay  
The Hussar Grill - Stellenbosch  
The Hussar Grill - Steenberg  
The Hussar Grill - Paarl  
The Hussar Grill - Willowbridge  
The Hussar Grill - Somerset West  
The Hussar Grill - Rondebosch  
The Hussar Grill - Mouille Point  
The Andros Deluxe Boutique Hotel  
The George Restaurant @ Romney Park Hotel  
The Wild Fig Restaurant  
Myoga Restaurant  
Rusty Oak Bistro  
La Pentola Restaurant  
Rhebokskloof Estate  
Mint Restaurant  
Noop Restaurant  
Alba Easy Lounge Cape Town International Airport  
At 365 Restaurant  
Den Anker Restaurant  
Abalone House & Spa

## **Gold Winners**

Taste Bistro  
Mezepoli Camps Bay  
Casa Bella - Grand West Casino  
French Connection Bistro  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Belvedere  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Blouberg  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Camps Bay  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Canal Walk  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Cape Town  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Cavendish  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Durbanville  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Franschoek  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Hermanus  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Knysna  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Meadowridge  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Stellenbosch  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Westlake  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Willowbridge  
Pasti's  
Miarestate Hotel & Spa  
Jonkershuis Constantia

## **Silver Winners**

Bertha's Restaurant

Black Marlin  
Quay Four Tavern  
Upstairs @ Quay Four  
Col ' Cacchio Pizzeria - Grove Mall NAMIBIA

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