

## press release

### **Resorts World Sentosa to recognise the world's greatest wines at the second edition of Wine Pinnacle Awards with a specially curated programme and new awards categories**

*To be held between 28 October and 1 November 2022, the five-day exclusive premium event gathers the who's who in the industry as well as celebrates diversity, excellence and innovation in the world of wines which then culminates into a prestigious wine awards ceremony featuring 52 nominees over 18 categories.*



## **WINE PINNACLE AWARDS 2022**

**SINGAPORE, 6 September 2022** – Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) will present the Wine Pinnacle Awards again in a second edition from **28 October to 1 November** 2022. Returning in-person after a brief pandemic-related hiatus, the much anticipated prestigious five-day event celebration is set to take place at Singapore's first integrated resort, once again showcasing RWS as the premier gastronomic haven for epicureans and wine connoisseurs.

Following its 2019 debut, this year's programme is entirely new, and has been meticulously curated to distinguish the awards as Southeast Asia's most prominent and unprecedented wine festival for oenophiles. As Scott Peterson, Vice President, Lifestyle, Resorts World Sentosa says, "The Wine Pinnacle Awards has always been positioned as an avenue to celebrate diversity, excellence and innovation in the world of wines. Throughout these five days, guests at RWS will not only discover and appreciate the art of wine-making, they can even enjoy intimate and exclusive wine pairing dinners, pairing exceptional wines with exquisite menus from world-famous celebrity chefs; a Masterclass Experience for enthusiasts and investors to discover new gems; and a two-day Wine Industry Symposium for wine and hospitality professionals. Second to none, the Wine Pinnacle Awards complements RWS' suite of award-winning attractions, luxurious accommodations, mesmerising entertainment, MICE facilities, as well as myriad of food and beverage offerings, in positioning the lifestyle integrated resort as Asia's top premium lifestyle destination for all audiences."

As the world's first wine awards based solely on nominations, this event will recognise the finest wines and wine professionals the world has to offer, representing the opinions of 61 jury members from around the globe – comprising Masters of Wine, Master Sommeliers, wine professionals and luminaries and the illustrious five-member Technical Committee headed by Ms Jeannie Cho Lee, the first Asian Master of Wine.

### **The Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee comprises five internationally-renowned wine experts, namely Committee Chairwoman Ms Jeannie Cho Lee of Hong Kong, Mr Andreas Larsson of Sweden, Mr Doug Frost of the United States of America, Mr Kenichi Ohashi of Japan, and Mr Oz Clarke of the United Kingdom. They are responsible for establishing the award categories, forming a credible panel of jury members, and overseeing the nomination process to ensure there is focus on diversity, quality and merit. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for biographies and quotes of committee members.

Ms Jeannie Cho Lee, Wine Pinnacle Awards Technical Committee Chairwoman and Master of Wine says, "Participating in the creation of the inaugural awards and its ground-breaking platform is truly an extraordinary experience. I am honoured to continue the search for the most deserving wine producers and wines in the second edition of the awards, with its refreshed programme and brand new categories. This year, I am most looking forward to the comfort wine category - this category was added because of the pandemic and social distancing when most people were enjoying wine at home. It will be fun to find out what red, white and rosé wines below S\$56 provided the most comfort to the jury members."

### **The Nomination Process**

The Wine Pinnacle Awards is a pioneering award that considers wines from every region without restrictions on origin and without the need for entry fees. An esteemed panel of Master Sommeliers, Masters of Wine, and premier critics are assembled into an expert jury, responsible for nominating the most deserving of wines.

"We've spread the net wider this year and are on the lookout for budget-priced wines, as well as rewarding the wineries that are making the greatest effort with sustainability. We have also highlighted individuals who we believe have made a particular effort to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mr Oz Clarke, Wine Pinnacle Awards Technical Committee Member and wine expert, on the nominees for the second edition of the Wine Pinnacle awards.

### **The Award Categories**

Meticulously defined to highlight the best wines without the conventional restrictions, the 18 inclusive award categories include ready to drink 'Mature Wines', 'Best Recent Releases', 'Best Friend of the Earth', and the inclusion of new categories 'Comfort Wines' and 'Pandemic Hero'. Please refer to [Annex B](#) for the full list of categories and sample of nominees.

Mr Doug Frost, Wine Pinnacle Awards Technical Committee Member, Master Sommelier and Master of Wine, added on the special significance of the Wine Pinnacle Awards: "I have judged in dozens of competitions over my four plus decades in the wine business. This is inarguably the most credentialed and, more importantly, the most likely to be best informed of any corps of judges I have ever seen."

## **The Masterclass Experience, Wine and Dine Sessions, and Wine Industry Symposium**

Wine lovers can look forward to the Masterclass Experience on 29 October and 30 October 2022 – where Technical Committee members Ms Jeannie Cho Lee, Master of Wine, and Mr Doug Frost, Master Sommelier and Master of Wine, drive deeper conversations in a series of masterclasses for potential investors, featuring hidden gems of the wine world including Henschke, Maison M. Chapoutier, Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion, and Tempos Vega Sicilia. Delegates can delve into the people, history, and stories behind each bottle of wine, and learn about wine investment in Asia from market leaders.

When it comes to fine dining, few are as luxurious and indulgent as a wine pairing experience. Every day from 28 October to 31 October 2022, the resort will play host to decadent wine affairs where guests can partake in carefully curated food and wine pairing brunches and dinners. With special lunches featuring vintages from Maison Champagne Salon, Maison Champagne Delamotte and Penfolds; and bespoke dinners featuring vintages from prestigious wineries such as Château Angélu, Château Margaux, Château La Mission Haut-Brion and Maison M. Chapoutier, guests can be sure of a memorable gastronomic adventure. Fine wines will be complemented by equally fine food crafted by the world's best Michelin-starred chefs including: Mr Guillaume Galliot (3 Michelin stars, Caprice Hong Kong), Mr Olivier Bellin (2 Michelin stars, L'Auberge des Glazicks), Mr Thomas Groot (1 Michelin star, table65), Mr Scott Webster (Osia Steak and Seafood Grill), Mr Arnaud Dunand Sauthier (Bangkok), and Mr Cedric Vongerichten (New York). Mr Guillaume Galliot, Chef de Cuisine at Caprice Hong Kong, and holder of 3 Michelin stars says, "To have the opportunity to participate in the Wine Pinnacle Awards – with its amazing programme featuring an impressive lineup, is an incredible honour for me."

Over two-days on 31 October and 1 November 2022, delegates of the Wine Industry Symposium will leave better prepared to navigate a more dynamic future for the wine industry by discussing key topics like new areas of economic growth and the impact of climate change with wine professionals from all sectors. There will also be panel discussions to help related businesses position themselves to thrive amidst contemporary market trends led by the world's thought leaders – this includes Ms Karen MacNeil, Author, Journalist, Wine Educator & Consultant; Ms Prue Henschke, Head of Henschke; Mr Jamie Ritchie, Global Chairman Sotheby's Wine; Mr Augustin Missoffe, Managing Director Asia Pacific for SOPEXA; Mr Kenichi Ohashi, Master of Wine & President of Yamajin Co. and Mr Oz Clarke, leading wine writer and broadcaster.

## **The Wine Pinnacle Awards Gala Dinner and Ceremony**

Concluding the five-day celebration of prestige and innovation in the world of wines is the Wine Pinnacle Awards Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony on 1 November 2022. Held in the Resorts World Ballroom, the black-tie soirée will gather key industry experts, influencers, sponsors, peers, and wine luminaries from across the globe.

Tickets are limited and open for reservations from 16 September onwards. For the latest news about the event, please visit: [www.winepinnacle.com](http://www.winepinnacle.com).

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### ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Complementing the adventure and adrenaline of its theme parks and attractions are six unique luxury hotels, the world-class Resorts World Convention Centre and a casino. RWS offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisines from around the world across its many renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene and a leading gourmet destination in Asia for epicureans. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from concerts to public shows. RWS has been named "Best Integrated Resort" since 2011 for nine consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

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## WINE PINNACLE AWARDS 2022: TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS



What is so special about the Wine Pinnacle Awards?

*"Wine Pinnacle Awards (WPA) is a distinguished wine awarding process with the judges being especially selected for their extensive experience and deep level of expertise. I have been part of numerous wine awards, but none have this special nominating process which goes beyond wines just being submitted to be tasted and judged; WPA includes and embraces wines from everywhere around the world without restrictions."* – **Jeannie Cho Lee, Master of Wine | Technical Committee Chairwoman**

### Brief Profile:

Jeannie Cho Lee is the first Asian Master of Wine, holds a doctorate (Ph.D.) in marketing & branding, and is an award-winning author, television host, editor, wine critic, judge and educator. She has been a professor at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University where she helped to launch the Master of Science (MSc) in International Wine Management programme since 2012. Recognised for her contributions to the food and drinks industry, Lee was awarded the Insignia of Knight in the National Order of Merit (Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur) in 2021 by the President of France, and was selected as one of the top 100 most influential people in Hong Kong by the South China Morning Post and Debrett's in November 2015. She was named the 25th most powerful person in wine by Decanter magazine (UK) and was listed among the top 60 most influential people in wine by La Revue du Vin (France) in 2015, and won the Masi Award in 2019 and the International Vinality Award (Italy) in 2009.



What is different about the nominees this year compared to the first Wine Pinnacle Awards?

*"Vintages are always changing so even if the format remains the same, there will be a lot of exciting new wines to vote for."* – **Andreas Larsson**

### Brief Profile:

Andreas Larsson is the Best Sommelier of the World (2007 ASI). He has a discerning palate and is a passionate wine lover. He is known not only for his incredible tasting abilities and vast knowledge, but also for his friendly and professional approach. He has a relaxed demeanor and is a highly sought-

after taster, speaker, and educator within the vast field of gastronomy, food, wine, and other beverages. Despite his busy schedule, he still remains a consultant at PM & Vänner, a renowned restaurant he has been with since 2006 located in Växjö Sweden – where the wine collection is one of only 100 in the world that has received the Wine Spectators Grand Award.



Do you remember the first time a wine really blew you away?  
*“Yes, the first glass of wine I ever tasted. I was 15 and at the often annual Christmas gathering of the relatives, from whom we were removed by nearly two thousand miles. My uncle offered to let me choose the dinner wine and gave me a two-minute explanation of grapes. I picked a bottle of 1968 Louis Martini Special Select Pinot Noir. If you can find notes about it, you’ll know why it changed my world. I thought: this is wine? Why have I never had this before? I kinda still remember it.”* – **Doug Frost, Master Sommelier and Master of Wine**

Brief Profile:

Doug Frost is a Master of Wine (MW) and Master Sommelier (MS) as well as an author and wine consultant based in Kansas City, Missouri. Frost is one of three individuals in the world to hold simultaneously the MW and MS titles. *The Wine Spectator* has bestowed the accolade of Master of Spirits on Frost. In 2006, Frost along with a few partners founded the Beverage Alcohol Resource (BAR), a spirits and cocktail educational organisation. *Cheers Magazine* selected BAR and its founders as Innovators of the Year for 2007. He was awarded Beverage Innovator of the Year by *Cheers Magazine*.




Which award category are you looking forward to the most and why?

*“The ‘Best Friend of the Earth’ category is getting to be more and more important alongside a growing sustainability-conscious audience.”* – **Kenichi Ohashi, Master of Wine**

Brief Profile:

Kenichi Ohashi is a Master of Wine and sake expert based in Tokyo, Japan. He is the third-generation owner of Yamajin Co. Ltd., a distribution company specialised in wine, sake and local spirits. He also owns a consultancy company, Red Bridge Co.,Ltd. He was awarded Personality of the Year 2016 at the International Wine Challenge. Ohashi has been sake Co-Chairman of the International Wine Challenge and is also a Sake Expert Assessor, the highest qualification of Japan’s

	<p>National Research Institute of Brewing. He was awarded the title Sake Samurai in 2018. In addition, he exports his selection of Japanese wines and Sake to the world market.</p>
	<p>What has been the biggest change in the wine world the past two years and what are your predictions/hopes for the immediate future?</p> <p><i>“COVID-19 brought massive disruption to the wine world in the vineyard, the winery and the marketplace. However, the challenge has been met head on and many wineries are actually in better shape than before the pandemic. As to the future, global climate change seems to be more extreme year by year, and vineyards are finally taking it seriously with rootstocks and grape varieties able to cope with the extremes increasingly being employed. We'll see more vineyards in cooler areas, and we'll see a revival of ancient grape varieties able to cope with heat and drought.” – Oz Clarke</i></p> <p><u>Brief Profile:</u>  Oz Clarke is one of the world’s leading wine experts, whose formidable reputation is based on his extensive wine knowledge and accessible, no-nonsense approach. His passion for the subject dates from his student days at Oxford University, where he won tasting competitions at a precociously early age. Since then, his tasting skills have won him an international reputation and he is acknowledged as having one of the finest palates of anyone writing about wine today. He brings a refreshingly unorthodox wit and directness to the subject and has won all the major wine writing awards both in the UK and the USA. Oz has written numerous books about wine and currently presents a weekly wine report on British primetime television.</p>

## WINE PINNACLE AWARDS 2022: CATEGORIES AND TOP THREE NOMINEES

### MATURE WINES

#### **Best 2002, 2004, 2008 Vintage Champagne**

- 2002 Krug, Clos du Mesnil Blanc de Blancs
- 2002 Salon, Cuvée 'S' Le Clos du Mesnil Blanc de Blancs
- 2008 Louis Roederer, Cristal Millésimé Brut

#### **Best 1999, 2002 Vintage Burgundy Red**

- 1999 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, La Tâche Grand Cru Monopole
- 1999 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Romanée-Conti Grand Cru
- 2002 Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, La Tâche Grand Cru Monopole

#### **Best 1996, 1998, 2000 Vintage Bordeaux Red**

- 1996 Château Latour
- 1998 Château Cheval Blanc
- 2000 Château Haut-Brion

#### **Best 2001, 2004 Vintage Piedmont Red**

- 2001 Bruno Giacosa, Falletto Riserva, Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Barolo DOCG
- 2001 Giacomo Conterno, Monfortino Barolo Riserva DOCG
- 2004 Giacomo Conterno, Monfortino Barolo Riserva DOCG

#### **Best 2004, 2006 Vintage Tuscan Red**

- 2004 Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia Bolgheri
- 2006 Masseto
- 2006 Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia Bolgheri

### BEST RECENT RELEASES

#### **Best Recent Release: Sauvignon-Blanc**

- 2018 Château Margaux, Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux, Bordeaux, France
- 2018 Didier Dagueneau, Pouilly-Fumé Silex, Loire, France
- 2019 Château Margaux, Pavillon Blanc du Château Margaux, Bordeaux, France

#### **Best Recent Release: Riesling**

- 2018 F.E. Trimbach, Clos Sainte Hune Riesling, Alsace, France
- 2018 Egon Müller, Scharzhofberger Riesling Auslese, Mosel, Germany
- 2019, Joh. Jos. Prum, Wehlener Sonnenuhr Riesling Auslese, Mosel, Germany

#### **Best Recent Release: Burgundy White**

- 2016 Domaine Coche-Dury, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru
- 2018 Domaine Leflaive, Chevalier-Montrachet Grand Cru
- 2019 Domaine Bonneau du Martray, Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru



**Best Recent Release: Chardonnay (ex-Burgundy)**

- 2018 Leeuwin Estate, Art Series Chardonnay, Margaret River, Australia
- 2018 Cullen, Kevin John Chardonnay, Margaret River, Australia
- 2019 Kumeu River, Mate's Vineyard Chardonnay, Auckland, New Zealand

**Best Recent Release: Cabernet Sauvignon**

- 2016 Tenuta San Guido, Sassicaia, Bolgheri, Italy
- 2018 Ridge Vineyards, Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains, USA
- 2019 Ridge Vineyards, Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains, USA

**Best Recent Release: Pinot Noir (ex-Burgundy)**

- 2018 Ata Rangī, Pinot Noir, Martinborough, New Zealand
- 2018 Tolpuddle Vineyard, Pinot Noir, Tasmania, Australia
- 2019 By Farr, Farside Pinot Noir, Geelong, Australia

**Best Recent Release: Rhone Red**

- 2016 Château Rayas, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France
- 2016 Domaine Jean-Louis Chave, Hermitage, France
- 2017 E. Guigal, Côte-Rôtie, La Landonne, France

**Best Recent Release: Spanish Red**

- 2010 Vega Sicilia, Unico Gran Reserva, Ribera del Duero, Spain
- 2018 Pingus, Dominio de Pingus, Ribera del Duero, Spain
- Vega Sicilia, Unico Reserva Especial Release 2021 (2009, 2010, 2010 vintages), Ribera del Duero, Spain

**COMFORT WINES****Comfort White < 40 Euros**

- 2018, Joh. Jos. Prüm, Riesling Graacher Himmelreich Kabinett, Mosel, Germany
- 2018 Joh. Jos. Prüm, Riesling Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Mosel, Germany
- 2019 Joh. Jos. Prüm, Riesling Wehlener Sonnenuhr, Mosel, Germany

**Comfort Red < 40 Euros**

- 2019 Domaine Jean Foillard, Morgon, Beaujolais, France
- 2019 Domaine Marcel Lapierre, Morgon, Beaujolais, France
- 2020 Domaine Marcel Lapierre, Morgon, Beaujolais, France

**Comfort Rosé < 40 Euros**

- 2020 Domaine Tempier, Bandol Rosé, Bandol, France
- 2020 Château Miraval, Côtes de Provence Rosé, Provence, France
- 2020 Château d'Esclans, Whispering Angel Rosé, Provence, France

**BEST FRIEND OF THE EARTH****Best Friend Of The Earth (Winery)**

- Bodegas Torres, Penedès, Spain
- Domaine Leflaive, Burgundy, France

- *Domaine Zind-Humbrecht, Alsace, France*

#### **TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S CHOICE**

#### **Pandemic Hero (Personality)**

- Special award

*\*Note to Editors: The nominees are listed not in order of ranking but in alphabetical order.*