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## **The World of Fine Wine, in association with Octavian Wine Vaults, announces “World’s Best Wine List 2017”**

Winner of the “Best Wine List in the World” Named as Palais Coburg from Austria

372 restaurants receive the top tier three-star award in 2016 World’s Best Wine List Awards

New York tops the list with 42 restaurants receiving a three-star honor

London is second with 29 restaurants receiving the top honor

**London (June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017)** – In association with Octavian Wine Vaults, the fourth annual “World’s Best Wine Lists” have been announced today with Palais Coburg in Austria receiving the honor of the “World’s Best Wine List 2017”. 372 establishments around the world were also awarded the top three star award.

The “World’s Best Wine Lists” are judged by some of the world’s leading critics including Alder Yarrow, Francis Percival and Ch’ng Poh Tiong, and assess over 4,500 of the best wine lists before determining the very best from around the world. The lists are based on a range of criteria that include: breadth, depth, interest, quality, value, clarity and accuracy.

New York maintained its position as the world’s wine list capital, with 42 restaurants in the city claiming three-star awards followed by London who had 31 awards make the top honor. Melbourne, Australia, followed with 17 restaurants claiming three stars, while San Francisco, USA, and Sydney, Australia, both had 15 restaurants with three stars. Chicago, USA, trailed closely with 12 restaurants receiving the top honor.

New three-star entries included Arlberg 1800 Resort in Austria, Hawksworth Restaurant in Vancouver, Canada; Rouge Tomate in New York; 67 Pall Mall, London; RPM Italian, Washington D.C.; Meat Fish Wine in Auckland, NZ; and Tipo 00 in Melbourne, Australia.

The awards are renowned as the “Michelin Stars” of the wine list industry and included a number of best-in-class category winners including The Barn at Blackberry Farm in the US for Best Spirits List; Charlie Bird in the US for Best Short Wine List; No.5 Wine Bar in France for Best By-the-Glass Wine List; Restaurant André in Asia for Best Designed Wine List and Emirates claimed Best Airline List in the World.

On the awards, World of Fine Wine Editor Neil Beckett commented “This year we saw the strongest level of entries yet, in terms of both quality and quantity, and the introduction of the Champions’ League and exciting new categories such as Best Regional List and Best Spirits List are a reflection of the rise in standards in wine programs all over the world.”

**The World of Fine Wine World's Best Wine Lists 2017 Winners**  
Full results can be found at [www.worldoffinewine.com/Best-wine-list-in-the-world](http://www.worldoffinewine.com/Best-wine-list-in-the-world)

**Best Long Wine List in the World**

Rouge Tomate

**Best Medium-Size Wine List in the World**

Formento's

**Best Short Wine List in the World**

Charlie Bird

**Best Regional Wine List in the World**

The Yeatman

**Best Champagne & Sparkling Wine List in the World**

Pix Patisserie

**Best Dessert & Fortified Wine List in the World**

Bern's Steakhouse

**Best Spirits List in the World**

The Barn at Blackberry Farm

**Best By-the-Glass Wine List in the World**

no. 5 Wine Bar

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**Best hotel Wine List in the World**

The Barn at Blackberry Farm

**Most Original Wine List in the World**

Momofuku-Ko

**Best Designed Wine List in the World**

Restaurant André

**Best Airline List in the World**

Emirates

**Best Cruise Line/Ship List in the World**

The World

**The World's Best Wine Lists Champions' League**

**Best Overall**

Palais Coburg

**Best Champagne & Sparkling Wine List**

Eleven Madison Park

**Best Dessert and Fortified Wine List**

Robuchon au Dôme

**Best Sprints List**

Eleven Madison Park

**Best By-the-Glass Wine List**

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**Notes to editors**

The World's Best Wine Lists is the most prestigious and rigorous wine list awards, judging over 4,500 restaurants lists worldwide. World of Fine Wine assembled a panel of some of the world's greatest experts, including Masters of Wine and a World Champion Sommelier, to guarantee the credibility and integrity of the competition and to put each submitted list through an intensive judging process.

All award-winning wine lists must reach certain standards in relation to a range of criteria, among which the most important are: the breadth, depth, interest, quality, and value of the wine selection (relative to the nature and size of the list and any specialism); the clarity of the organization and presentation; the accuracy and completeness of the information for each entry on the list, including origin, producer, wine, vintage, price, and format or serving size; the suitability of the selection in terms of the cuisine and the establishment.

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