



MEDIA RELEASE

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OCHRE AND BLACKBIRD TAKE LINE HONOURS AT QUEENSLAND WINE LIST AWARDS

The winners of the 2018 Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) and Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS) Wine List Awards were officially announced this morning with Ochre Restaurant and Blackbird Bar & Restaurant sharing in each of the major awards categories.

Ochre Restaurant in Cairns was announced as the winner of both the '*Best Overall Wine List Featuring Queensland Wines Award*' as well the Award for '*Best Regional Wine List Featuring Queensland Wines*', whilst Blackbird Bar & Grill won the Award for '*Best Metropolitan Wine List Featuring Queensland Wines*'.

The Balfour Kitchen in New Farm was also awarded an honourable mention in the 'Small Bars Wine List' category.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Juliana Payne congratulated the winners on their Awards.

"Each of the businesses recognised in today's Awards can each lay their claim as to having some of the best wine offerings in all of Queensland.

"The popularity of locally-produced wines has increased in recent years and it isn't difficult to see why with all the fabulous wines on offer in addition each of the food menu items,"

"I'd greatly urge all wine connoisseurs to visit these businesses for a wine-tasting experience as good as any vineyard," Ms Payne said.

A full list of winners is attached to this release.

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2018 Wine List Awards

R&CA Awards for Excellence

QUEENSLAND WINNERS

RESTAURANT WINE LIST – EXTENSIVE

WINNER - Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE

RESTAURANT WINE LIST – SMALL/COMPREHENSIVE

WINNER - Ochre Restaurant, CAIRNS

RESTAURANT/CATERER IN A LICENSED VENUE WINE LIST

HONOURABLE MENTION - Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE

SMALL BARS WINE LIST

HONOURABLE MENTION - The Balfour Kitchen - Spices Balfour, NEW FARM

MAJOR AWARDS

BEST METROPOLITAN WINE LIST FEATURING QUEENSLAND WINES

WINNER - Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE

BEST REGIONAL WINE LIST FEATURING QUEENSLAND WINES

WINNER - Ochre Restaurant, CAIRNS

BEST OVERALL WINE LIST FEATURING QUEENSLAND WINES

WINNER - Ochre Restaurant, CAIRNS