

A circular logo with a white border containing the text "2019 AWARDS For EXCELLENCE" in a serif font. The background of the logo is a gradient of blue and purple.

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MEDIA RELEASE
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WINNERS OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA 2019 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2019 Victoria and Tasmania Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS Awards for Excellence were announced last night at a gala dinner held at Crown Melbourne.

The winners across this year's major categories included:

- CATERER OF YEAR – Encore, ST KILDA;
- CAFÉ OF THE YEAR – Pearl + Co, HOBART; and
- RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR – Ezard, MELBOURNE

Mr Matteo Pignatelli was also announced as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievers Award for his contribution to the VIC restaurant industry.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Wes Lambert congratulated the hardworking individuals and businesses recognised as part of the Awards and praise their ongoing contribution to the VIC & TAS hospitality industry.

“On behalf of the Association, I’d like to congratulate all of tonight’s Award winners whose determination, dedication and commitment to their industry is on full display.

All of tonight’s Awards are well earned recognition for the exceptional service and culinary excellence displayed by a number of individuals and businesses across Victoria and Tasmania.

For many of the Awards, this has been over the past 12 months, however, for our Lifetime Achiever Awards, this has been over the course of years and decades.”

“As an organization, we are extremely proud to recognise all the stellar contributions as part of our annual Awards for Excellence”, Wes said.

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R&CA Awards for Excellence

VICTORIA & TASMANIA WINNERS

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by TheFork - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - Gingerboy, MELBOURNE

BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - Neighbourhood Wine, FITZROY NORTH

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Reunion & Co, RICHMOND

BURGER BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - Yo My Goodness, MORDIALLOC

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Pearl + Co, HOBART

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Lau's Family Kitchen, ST KILDA

COFFEE SHOP/TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Proud Mary, COLLINGWOOD

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - Ezard, MELBOURNE



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - Carlton Wine Room, CARLTON

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Beachcomber Café, ST KILDA

FRENCH RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Fine Food Australia

WINNER - Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA

INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Café Southall, ST KILDA

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by TheFork - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - Bottega, MELBOURNE

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Movidá, LORNE

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - 48 Hour Pizza & Gnocchi, SOUTH YARRA

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

WINNER - Dock 37 Bar & Kitchen - Pan Pacific Hotel, SOUTH WHARF

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

WINNER - The Espy Kitchen - Hotel Esplanade, ST KILDA

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by DFK Benjamin King Money

WINNER - Jack Rabbit Vineyard Restaurant, BELLARINE

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

WINNER - Pastuso, MELBOURNE

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Yagiz, SOUTH YARRA



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STEAK RESTAURANT - FORMAL*Sponsored by Australian Training Products***WINNER** - San Telmo, MELBOURNE**STEAK RESTAURANT - INFORMAL***Sponsored by Australian Training Products***WINNER** - Angus & Bon, PRAHRAN**THAI RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Entertainment Publications***WINNER** - Longrain, MELBOURNE**TOURISM RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Malt Shovel***WINNER** - Jack Rabbit Vineyard Restaurant, BELLARINE**VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Prospa***WINNER** - Uncle, MELBOURNE**CATERING AWARDS****CORPORATE CATERER***Sponsored by American Express***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Sodexo - PwC Melbourne, SOUTHBANK**EVENTS CATERER***Sponsored by Sanpellegrino***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Ed Dixon Food Design, ABBOTSFORD**FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER***Sponsored by AlSCO***WINNER** - Encore, ST KILDA**RESTAURANT CATERER***Sponsored by Sanpellegrino***WINNER** - The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND**SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER***Sponsored by Prospa***WINNER** - Spotless Group Alliance Catering - Emirates Lounge Melbourne International Airport, TULLAMARINE**VENUE CATERER***Sponsored by Deputy***WINNER** - Higher Mark - GMHBA Stadium, GEELONG



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WEDDING CATERER*Sponsored by AlSCO***WINNER** - Encore, ST KILDA**HOSPITALITY AWARDS****APPRENTICE CHEF OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by Hostplus***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Elaya Carbone - SkyHigh Mount Dandenong**CHEF OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by Hostplus***WINNER** - Adam D'Sylva - Coda Bar & Restaurant**PRODUCT SUPPLIER***Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering***WINNER** - H&L Australia VIC**CONSUMER VOTE AWARD***Sponsored by Savour Australia***VIC METRO WINNER** - Chin Chin, MELBOURNE**TAS WINNER** - Mrs Jones, DEVONPORT**VIC REGIONAL WINNER** The Woodhouse Restaurant, BENDIGO**MAJOR AWARDS****LIFETIME ACHIEVER****WINNER** - Matteo Pignatelli**CATERER OF YEAR***Sponsored by Malt Shovel***WINNER** - Encore, ST KILDA**CAFÉ OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by AlSCO***WINNER** - Pearl + Co, HOBART**RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by Hostplus***WINNER** - Ezard, MELBOURNE