

Diners Club announces national winners of 2019 Winelist Awards

Diners Club has announced the national winners of the 2019 Winelist Awards.

Diners Club had held Winelist Awards events across the country in September – kicking off with the Western Cape event, which took place at The Forum Embassy Hill in Constantia; followed by events at The Venue Green Park in Gauteng, 9th Avenue Waterside in KwaZulu-Natal and Monet's at Fancourt in George.

“ Welcoming Jp Roussouw, publisher of the *Platters by Diners Club Wine Guide* and covenor of the 2019 Winelist Awards [#dcwinelistawards](https://twitter.com/hVvUUx5OBK) pic.twitter.com/hVvUUx5OBK— Diners Club SA (@DinersClubSA) [September 19, 2019](#) ”

This year, 205 restaurants from around the country submitted wine lists for judging by a select panel led by the publisher of the *Platter's by Diners Club Wine Guide*, Jean-Pierre Rossouw.

“It's clear that dining establishments are giving their wine lists ever-more attention, and a trend that I'd really like to applaud is the growing number of wine stewards and sommeliers that curate and present the lists,” says Rossouw. “It's also encouraging to note the number of establishments offering a wider choice of wines by the glass.”

In addition to head judge JP Rossouw, the judging panel comprised leading experts Pete Goffe-Wood, Spencer Fondaumiere, Karin Visser and James Mukosi.

Only three National Winelist Awards were handed out this year: to the two Icon Award winners in Gauteng – Restaurant Mosaic, The Orient Boutique Hotel in Pretoria and the Saxon Hotel Villas & Spa in Sandhurst – and the National Golf Course Winelist Award (a new award this year), which went to Stellenbosch Golf Course.

And the rest of the winners are...

Gauteng

Icon Award Winners (National Awards)

- Restaurant Mosaic, The Orient Boutique Hotel, Pretoria
- Saxon Hotel Villas & Spa, Sandhurst



L to R Mpfuxi Shibambo (Head Finance Standard Bank), Tumelo Mbore (Saxon), Kevin Lomax (Head Merchants Diners Club), Brian Nyamara (Saxon), Esh Naidoo (MD Diners Club SA), Thato Goirane (Saxon)

Diamond Award Winners

- Budmarsh Country Lodge, Magaliesberg
- Carnivore, Muldersdrift
- Dolci Café, Craighall
- DW 11-13, Dunkeld West
- Epicure Restaurant, Sandton
- Forti Grill & Bar, Pretoria
- Geet Indian Restaurant, Pretoria
- Heat Grill Room, Pretoria
- Kievits Kroon Country Estate, Pretoria
- Luca's, Sunninghill
- Misty Hills, Muldersdrift
- Priva Lounge, Pretoria
- The Blue Train
- Verdicchio, Montecasino, Fourways
- Villa Bianca, Kempton Park

Platinum Award Winners

- Afrique Boutique Hotel, Boksburg
- Amuse Bouche, Fairlawns Boutique Hotel, Sandton
- Bellagio, Illovo
- Café 41 Eastwood, Hatfield, Pretoria
- Café 41 Groenkloof, Pretoria
- Café 41 Menlo Park, Pretoria
- Casabella Mall of Africa, Midrand
- Casabella Montecasino, Fourways
- Casabella Woodlands, Pretoria
- Chaplin's Grill, Melville

- Il Gusto Ristorante, Boksburg
- Thava Norwood
- The Forum Company
- The Godfather Restaurant, Pretoria
- The Hussar Grill Montecasino, Fourways
- The Hussar Grill Morningside, Rivonia
- The Hussar Grill The Grove, Pretoria East
- The Hussar Grill Waterfall Corner, Midrand
- The Residence Hotel, Houghton
- Tony's Spaghetti & Grill, Randburg
- Turn 'n Tender Bassonia, Midrand
- Turn 'n Tender Bedfordview
- Turn 'n Tender Boksburg
- Turn 'n Tender Bryanston
- Turn 'n Tender Cresta, Randburg
- Turn 'n Tender Dainfern, Midrand
- Turn 'n Tender Illovo
- Turn 'n Tender Jean Avenue, Centurion
- Turn 'n Tender Kolonnade, Pretoria
- Turn 'n Tender Loftus Park, Pretoria
- Turn 'n Tender Menlyn Maine, Pretoria
- Turn 'n Tender, Midstream, Centurion
- Turn 'n Tender Parktown North
- Turn 'n Tender Ruimsig, Roodepoort
- Turn 'n Tender Vaal
- Turn 'n Tender Vereeniging
- Turn 'n Tender Waterfall, Midrand

Gold Award Winners

- 011 Gin Bar, Johannesburg
- Bowl'd Restaurant, Sandton
- Bryanston Country Club
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Atholl
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Brooklyn - Pretoria
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Bryanston
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Centurion
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Dainfern, Midrand
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Eastgate
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Emperors Palace, Kempton Park
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Gold Reef City
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Hyde Park
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Lynnwood, Pretoria
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Mall of the South, Alberton
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Montecasino, Fourways
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Northcliff
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Northgate, Randburg
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Parkview, Pretoria
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Silverstar Casino, Muldersdrift
- Doppio Zero, Johannesburg
- Erawan Thai Restaurant, Bryanston
- Life Grand Café Aspen Hills

- Life Grand Café Hazelwood, Pretoria
- Life Grand Café Mall of Africa, Midrand
- Life Grand Café Woodmead, Sandton
- Kraal Restaurant, Glenvista
- Le Wine Chambre, Illovo
- Saigon Restaurant, Rivonia
- Thava Montecasino - Fourways
- The Baron Bedfordview
- The Baron Fourways
- The Baron Kyalami
- The Baron Sandown
- The Baron Woodmead, Sandton



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Free State

Platinum Award Winner

- De Oude Kraal Country Estate & Spa, Bloemfontein

Kwazulu-Natal

Diamond Awards

- 9th Avenue Waterside, Durban Harbour
- Big Easy Durban by Ernie Els
- The Chef's Table, Umhlanga Rocks
- Hartford House Hotel, Mooi River
- Surf Riders Café, South Beach Durban
- The Oyster Box, Umhlanga Rocks

Platinum Awards

- Café 1999, Durban
- Casabella Pearl Walk, Umhlanga Rocks
- Fordoun Hotel & Spa, Nottingham Road, Midlands
- The Hussar Grill Gateway, Umhlanga Ridge
- The Hussar Grill Kloof
- Three Tree Hill, Bergville
- Turn n Tender - Ballito
- Umthunzi Hotel & Conference, Umtentweni, Port Shepstone

Limpopo

Platinum Award Winner

- Mhondoro Safari Lodge & Villa, Welgevonden Game Reserve, Waterberg District

Mpumalanga

Diamond Award Winner

- Zest Restaurant, Nelspruit/Mbombela

Platinum Award Winners

- Rissington Inn, Hazyview
- Turn 'n Tender, Nelspruit/Mbombela

Northern Cape

Platinum Award Winner

- Kimberley Anne Small Luxury Hotel, Kimberley

North West Province

Diamond Award Winner

- Kedar Heritage Lodge, Rustenburg

Platinum Award Winner

- Casabella Sun City

Southern/Eastern Cape Winners

Diamond Award Winners

- Umngazi River Bungalows, Wild Coast

Platinum Award Winners

- Pumba Private Game Reserve - Bush Lodge, Highlands, Makana Municipality
- Pumba Private Game Reserve - Water Lodge, Highlands, Makana Municipality
- Chatter's Bistro, Knysna
- De Viswif Restaurant, Jeffrey's Bay
- Dune Ridge Country House, St Francis Bay
- Hacklewood Hill Country House, Port Elizabeth
- Hopefield Country House, Sundays River Valley Addo
- Hunter Hotel Group, Plettenberg Bay
- Laird's Lodge Country Estate, Jeffrey's Bay
- The Fat Fish Restaurant, George
- The Fat Fish Restaurant Plettenberg Bay
- The Hussar Grill Walmer, Port Elizabeth
- The Hussar Grill George
- The Sands @ St Francis Bay
- The Verandah Beach Hotel, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth

Gold Award Winner

- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Boardwalk, Port Elizabeth



Diners Club announces 2019 Western Cape Winelist Awards

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Western Cape Winners

Diamond Award Winners

- Azure, The 12 Apostles Hotel, Oudekraal, Camps Bay
- Bientang's Cave Restaurant & Wine Bar, Hermanus
- Bushman's Kloof Wilderness Reserve & Wellness Retreat, Clanwilliam
- Casabella at The Sanctuary, Somerset West
- Cavalli, Stellenbosch
- Delaire Graff Restaurant, Stellenbosch
- Ellerman House, Bantry Bay
- Grootbos Lodge, Gansbaai
- Indochine Restaurant at Delaire Graff, Stellenbosch
- Karibu Restaurant, V&A Waterfront
- Karoo Art Hotel, Barrydale
- La Colombe, Constantia
- La Residence Hotel, Franschhoek
- Noop, Paarl
- The Hussar Grill Camps Bay
- The Hussar Grill Worcester

Platinum Award Winners

- Casabella GrandWest, Goodwood
- Cattle Baron De Waterkant, Cape Town
- French Connection Bistro, Franschhoek

- Gallery Café, Prince Albert, Klein Karoo
- Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, Gansbaai
- Stellenbosch Golf Club (National Award)
- Swartberg Country Manor, Oudtshoorn, Klein Karoo
- The Conservatory, The Cellars-Hohenort, Constantia
- The Forum Embassy Hill, Constantia
- The Hussar Grill Durbanville
- The Hussar Grill Franschhoek
- The Hussar Grill Grand West
- The Hussar Grill Mouille Point
- The Hussar Grill Paarl
- The Hussar Grill Rondebosch
- The Hussar Grill Somerset West
- The Hussar Grill Steenberg
- The Hussar Grill Stellenbosch
- The Hussar Grill Willowbridge
- The Marine Hotel, Hermanus
- Turn 'n Tender Somerset West
- Viande Grande Roche, Paarl

Gold Award Winners

- Bistro @ La Vierge, Hermanus
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Cape Town
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Cavendish, Claremont
- Col'Cacchio Pizzeria Paarl
- Den Anker, V&A Waterfront
- Life Grand Café, Granger Bay, V&A Waterfront
- The Shelley Point Hotel & Spa, St Helena Bay

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