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The Restaurant at Waterkloof Wine estate, one of the 14 South African restaurants that made it onto La Liste Top 1000. Image courtesy Waterkloof Wines.

South Africa is growing in leaps and bounds as an international foodie destination, and a number of local restaurants made it onto the prestigious **La Liste Top 1000**.

In total, 14 South African restaurants were featured: **La Colombe** in Constantia, Cape Town (228); **The Tasting Room** at Le Quartier Français in Franschhoek (362); **The Greenhouse** at Cellars-Hohenort (368); **Five Hundred** at **The Saxon** (372); **Restaurant Mosaic** in the Francolin Conservancy – not too far from Pretoria (373); **The Restaurant at Waterkloof Wines** in the Western Cape (409); Luke Dale Roberts' two Cape Town restaurants: **The Test Kitchen** (425) and **The Pot Luck Club** (447); **Terroir** (494) and **Jordan Restaurant** (516) both in Stellenbosch; Massimo's (749); **96 Winery Road** (762); **La Boheme** (782) and **The Roundhouse** (816).

Chef Chantel Dartnall of Restaurant Mosaic says, "We are so excited to even be included in the top 1 000 best restaurants in the world, let alone coming in at number 373. And the best thing about the system used by

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La Liste to rank the top 1 000 is the fact that it is based on reviews by food critics as well as ordinary diners.”



Restaurant Mosaic's Chef Chantel Dartnall. Image courtesy Restaurant Mosaic.

To determine the winners, La Liste uses score averaging across over 200 well-known food guides, review sites (including Yelp and TripAdvisor), popular gourmet blogs, social media sites, and major national and local publications in over 48 countries (including publications such as *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*).

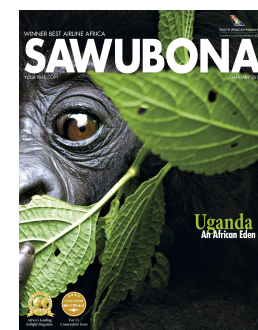
La Liste founder Philippe Faure explains the judging process: “At the heart of our rankings is an algorithm that quantifies the weighted average of reviews from critics, publications and diners. We believe that numbers speak for themselves, and we are here to translate them into a language for gourmands everywhere.”

The five top-rated establishments worldwide according to La Liste are: in first place **Restaurant de l'Hôtel de Ville** in Crissier, Switzerland; second place went to New York's **Per Se** restaurant; third spot went to Kyo Aji in Tokyo; **Guy Savoy** in Paris came in fourth and fifth place was claimed by **Schauenstein** in Fürstenu, Switzerland.

What's interesting to note is that Japan got more than 126 mentions, with France in second place with 118 mentions, and America and Britain take fourth and fifth place with 101 and 46 mentions respectively.

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