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MOSAIC BECOMES FIRST RESTAURANT IN AFRICA TO WIN PRESTIGIOUS WINE SPECTATOR AWARD

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In what is a first for a restaurant from South Africa and the African continent, Restaurant Mosaic at the Orient has earned a 2018 Grand Award from the highly-acclaimed US publication *Wine Spectator* for its incomparable wine list and cellar.

It joins a very elite group – being one of only 85 restaurants around the world – in holding the highest honour, out of more than 3 500 global restaurants that have earned Wine Spectator awards for their wine lists.



The award-winning Gauteng based restaurant has been celebrated for its cellar which boasts more than 75 000 bottles and nearly 6 000 different labels.

In a letter to Mosaic, Marvin Shanken, editor and publisher of *Wine Spectator* said: “(Your) wine list is one of the best in the world and our inspection determined that Restaurant Mosaic also excels in food, service and ambience.”

In reaction, Restaurant Mosaic’s Cobus du Plessis said: “To be awarded this accolade by such a well respected and distinguished publication as *Wine Spectator* is truly the highest mark of distinction. We understand that this will be the first time that a restaurant from the African continent will be awarded this celebrated prize and it means everything to the sommelier team and all the staff who worked tirelessly for the past 10 years in establishing and upholding the standards of the restaurant.”



Wine Spectator’s Restaurant Awards programme, currently celebrating its 38th year of identifying the world’s best wine programmes, recognises restaurants whose wine lists offer interesting selections, are appropriate to their cuisine and appeal to a wide range of wine lovers.

Their highest award – the Grand Award – is given to restaurants that show an uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine programmes. These wine lists typically feature

1 000 or more selections and deliver serious breadth of top producers, outstanding depth in mature vintages, a selection of large-format bottles, excellent harmony with the menu, and

superior presentation.



Du Plessis, along with Mosaic's multi award-winning chef Chantel Dartnall and winner of last year's Wine Service Award from Eat Out, sommelier **Moses Magwaza**, have been invited to attend the New York Wine Experience Grand Awards Banquet, which will be held in New York City on Saturday, October 20, to receive their award.

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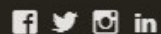
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