



Restaurant  
& Catering  
South Australia

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### **DINING EXCELLENCE CELEBRATED BY INDUSTRY**

The Annual Awards for Excellence for Restaurant & Catering SA was held last night at a glamorous event at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Almost 1200 guests ate, drank and danced the night away and celebrated the high quality restaurants, caterers and hospitality professionals that South Australia has to offer.

**Penfolds Magill Estate** was awarded the **Restaurant Of the Year** award, as well as the **Best Fine Dining Restaurant** award, having received the highest score overall. **The Food Business** received the **Caterer of the Year** award as well as the **Best Event Caterer**.

The **Individual Hall of Fame award** was won by **Stratos Pouras** from **Cork & Cleaver Restaurant** for his longstanding reputation in Adelaide, and his contribution to hospitality in Adelaide.

The **Hall of Fame** inductee for the Fine Dining category was **The Manse Restaurant**, for the Informal Category the award went to **Rigoni's Bistro**, the Restaurant in a Hotel Category went to **Shiki – Intercontinental Adelaide**, and Hall of Fame Thai Category went to **Nu Thai**. These businesses have won their award for three consecutive years so are recognised with this prestigious honour.

The Restaurant & Catering Australia Lifetime Achiever Award was bestowed upon **Frank, Maria & Luisa Favaro from Chianti Classico** for their contribution to South Australia's Italian restaurant culture.

With more regional winners than ever before, it is testament to the high standard that SA hospitality offers, both in the city and the regions.

Restaurant & Catering SA are proud to present the winners of the Restaurant & Catering SA Awards for Excellence 2011.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>WINNER</b>
<b>Popular Choice</b>	Melt CBD
<b>Hall of Fame – Individual</b>	Stratos Pouras – Cork & Cleaver Restaurant
<b>Hall of Fame – Fine Dining</b>	The Manse Restaurant
<b>Hall of Fame – Informal</b>	Rigoni's Bistro
<b>Hall of Fame – Restaurant in a Hotel</b>	Shiki – Intercontinental Adelaide
<b>Hall of Fame - Thai</b>	Nu Thai
Apprentice Chef	Blake Coleman – Intercontinental Adelaide
Chef	Ayhan Erkoc – Celsius Restaurant & Bar
Employee	Di Whicker – Adelaide Festival Centre
Employer	Intercontinental Adelaide
Maitre D'	Carlos Alvarez – The Pot Food & Wine
Media	Adelaide Review
Product Supplier	George Street Wines
Professional Development	Intercontinental Adelaide
Safety Awards	National Wine Centre
Service Provider	The Food Studio
Sommelier	Alessandro Ragazzo – Auge Ristorante
Wine List	The Barn Steakhouse
Asian	Mapo Korean Restaurant
Breakfast	Rigoni's Bistro
Café	The White House
Chinese	T-Chow Chinese Restaurant
Coffee Shop/Tea House	Argo on Parade
Contemporary Australian	Celsius Restaurant & Bar
European	Georges on Waymouth
Event Caterer	The Food Business
Family	La Vita Café Ristorante
Fine Dining	Penfolds Magill Estate
Function Centre	Level 1 @ Hilton Adelaide
Greek	Platia the Restaurant
Indian	Shankers Authentic Indian Cuisine
Industrial/Institutional Caterer	Scolarest – Flinders Hall of Residence
Informal	Barendoe Restaurant
Italian	Auge Ristorante
New	Grace the Establishment
Pizza	Angaston Roaring 40's Cafe
Regional	Pipers of Penola
Restaurant in a Hotel	The Playford Restaurant – Sebel Playford
Restaurant in Pub/Club/Tavern	The Treasury on King William

Restaurant in a Winery	Upstairs at Hollick
Seafood	Blanc Bistro & Grill
Site-Contract Caterer	Eurest @ Hewlett Packard
Small Caterer	Kristian's Kater SA
Specialty	Chocolate @ No5
Steak	The Barn Steakhouse
Thai	Regent Thai
Tourism	Jacobs Restaurant – Jacobs Creek Visitor Centre
Venue Caterer	Sanctuary Adelaide Zoo
Wedding Caterer	Encore Group – Adelaide Town Hall
<b>Caterer of the Year</b>	<b>The Food Business</b>
<b>Restaurant of the Year</b>	<b>Penfolds Magill Estate</b>
<b>Lifetime Achiever</b>	<b>Frank, Maria &amp; Luisa Favaro – Chianti Classico</b>

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