



Jonah's Whale Beach welcomes leading Sommelier Christian Baeppler

Bringing an abundance of passion and expertise to the business of wine selection, German born Christian Baeppler has enjoyed an impressive sommeliers career spanning over a decade. Having been formally trained in London, France and Austria, Baeppler has held positions at a number of exceptional international hotels, including The Dorchester in London, Hotel Schloss Fuschl in Austria and The Observatory Hotel in Sydney.

His appointment at Jonah's Boutique Hotel & Restaurant sees him join Sydney's only Relais & Chateaux property, where he will be responsible for cultivating an incomparable wine list for the exclusive destination.

Baeppler's refined palate, commitment to perfection and notable linguistic skills – he is fluent in English, German and French – have been instrumental in the development of his meticulous approach and boundless knowledge.

His style favours a broad range of the world's finest wine varieties. Whilst being drawn to German Rieslings, he is unquestionably attuned to the Australian wine market and is able to construct an award winning selection for even the most discerning wine connoisseur. Guests to Jonah's Whale Beach can expect an international wine list with strong Australian accents from Baeppler, who also delivers an unequivocally attentive wine service tailored for patrons.

During his time as Head Sommelier at Restaurant Galileo in The Observatory Hotel, Baeppler secured a coveted 'Three Goblets' in both 2008 and 2009. His impressive wine lists were also subsequently nominated for 'Best International Restaurant Wine List' in the Australian Wine List of the Year Awards. Furthermore, his work has been recognised by US based Wine Spectator Magazine with an Award of Excellence in 2009.

Central to Baeppler's philosophy is an insistence that the solid foundation to any wine list is the strength of its Bordeaux and Burgundy offerings. His approach to Australian wine lies with sourcing from boutique wineries and experimenting with Australian wines that use new grape varieties from other countries. With a keen interest in discovering unique styles, Baeppler continually develops his wine resume without losing focus on traditional wine varieties.

Baeppler's superior approach to his craft brings an exquisite wine offering to Jonah's that compliments the exclusive and premium Relais & Chateaux experience that guests to the iconic Whale Beach destination have come to expect.

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