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Sommeliers Shine

The **Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania**, established in Australia in 2008, has announced the results of its Introductory and Certified exams held in April this year. Congratulations to the 15 students who demonstrated the commitment and skill to achieve Certified Sommelier status, with **Felix Auzou** of Sydney wine bar **Dear Sainte Eloise** taking out the 2019 Riedel Certified Sommelier Dux. The Introductory Sommelier Certificate was awarded to 37 students.

Franck Moreau MS, Co-ordinator of Master Sommeliers Oceania said "Students attended this year's program from 10 countries around the world including Singapore, China, and the UK, as well as five states throughout Australia."

Although the programs are offered in countries worldwide, **Ben Hask MS** says "Many students are electing to undertake their formal certification in Australia and remain within the Oceania region". This is good news for the ever-increasing number of restaurants seeking experienced wine and drinks staff. *Go to courtofmastersommeliers.org*

Jonah's Turns 90

One of Sydney's most awarded venues, the iconic **Jonah's Whale Beach** turns 90 this year. Established in 1929 on the clifftop overlooking Whale Beach, Jonah's was originally built as a guesthouse to accommodate weekend visitors, and while that goal hasn't changed, its luxury rooms, incredible views and hatted restaurant – not to mention the enviable wine list overseen by sommelier **Niels Sluiman** – prove that Jonah's has kept up with the times. *Head to jonahs.com.au*

Hunting for Elegance

50 years of continuous operation is an extraordinary achievement for any winery, let alone one whose labels, wine styles and production methods have hardly changed over the course of five decades. **Huntington Estate** was founded in 1969 by **Bob and Wendy Roberts**, who were particularly taken with the promising climate and soils along Ulan Road in Mudgee. Current custodians of the estate, **Tim and Nicky Stevens**, have stuck to their guns and remained faithful to Huntington's history; they continue to craft elegant, age-worthy cabernet, shiraz, semillon and chardonnay. The 50th anniversary coincides with the release of two new wines, the **2018 Barrel Fermented Chardonnay** (A\$27) and the **2017 Cabernet Shiraz** (A\$32). "We make wines that can be tested with time in the cellar; styles that are generated in the vineyard, not through some passing fad," says Tim. Congratulations, Huntington. Visit huntingtonestate.com.au



New Look

The Yarra Valley's **Dominique Portet** recently unveiled its new look cellar door and accompanying bistro in celebration of its 20th vintage. The family's Bordeaux heritage remains a focal point with some of their favourite French dishes offered up by chef **Jarrold Hudson** – think confit duck with Toulouse sausage – and when paired with any of the wines, it's a no-brainer for your next trip to the Yarra. *For more info visit dominiqueportet.com*