



JONAH'S RESTAURANT AND BOUTIQUE HOTEL TAKES HOME AUSTRALIA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR ALONG WITH BEST HOTEL RESTAURANT WINE LIST OF THE YEAR AND BEST WINE LIST IN NSW AT THE 2017 AUSTRALIA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS

THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2017: Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel was awarded **Australia's Wine List of the Year** along with **Best Hotel Restaurant Wine List** for the third year and **Best Wine List in NSW** for the second year at the Australian Wine List of the Year Awards presented by award-winning magazine **Gourmet Traveller WINE** and the Australian Liquor Industry's **the drinks Association**, held at Glass Brasserie, Hilton Hotel Sydney on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

Head Sommelier, Niels Sluiman and his collaborative associate Sommelier Christian Baeppler accepted this prestigious award on behalf of all the team from the multi award winning restaurant. Executive General Manager, Brad Daymond says "We are delighted to be awarded Australia's Wine List of the Year, Best Hotel Restaurant Australian Wine List of the year and Best Wine List in NSW for the second year running, I am particularly appreciative of our team of Sommeliers led by Niels Sluiman and Christian Baeppler who have developed our wine list to the substantial offering we have today. Niels and Christian were also announced as winners of the prestigious Judy Hirst Award as Sommeliers responsible for the Best Wine List in Australia. This award is in memory of Judy's work in the wine industry. Judy was an extremely accomplished lady within the wine industry who was instrumental in establishing the Institute Masters of Wine along with numerous charitable works and fundraising efforts. Her public relations company had clients including Bollinger, Campari and Grand Marnier. Judy and her husband Robert were inducted into the Restaurant & Catering Association Hall Of Fame in 2006, for their 25 years of service to the Australian Liquor Industry."

Head Sommelier Niels Sluiman says "I am extremely proud to be part of the Jonah's team and receive this recognition for our wine list which features over 1,600 Australian and international wines from around the globe".

The multi award winning property has been an iconic destination for Sydneysiders and International visitors for the past 88 years, offering breathtaking views across the Pacific Ocean from a collection of eleven Ocean Retreat rooms as well as a modern Australian restaurant.

Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel recent award wins include three glasses in Australia's Wine List of the Year in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and now 2017.

Jonah's also won **Metropolitan Restaurant of the Year in a Deluxe Hotel** at last week's **Tourism Accommodation Australia TAA Awards for Excellence** held at the Hyatt Regency Sydney.

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#### **About Jonah's**

Jonah's is located just 50 minutes from Sydney. The property was originally built in 1929 by Constance Vidal as a roadhouse in the remote outskirts of the city. During this era, 'modern day' ladies and gentlemen would set off in their motorcars for a weekend excursion to Jonah's. Today, guests visit Jonah's as a retreat from Sydney, either driving or taking a seaplane to the iconic Whale Beach location to dine or stay. Jonah's offers breathtaking views across the Pacific Ocean from a collection of eleven well-appointed Ocean Retreat Rooms, as well as an inspired modern Australian restaurant experience and function. The perfect beachside escape, Jonah's offers an acclaimed restaurant, eleven Ocean Retreat rooms including 'Jonah's Private', a secluded residence and meeting spaces with sweeping views of the Ocean. Luxurious and discreet, Jonah's prides itself on its friendly and casual atmosphere and outstanding first class service.