

Okada Manila's La Piazza Celebrates Back-to-Back Wine Spectator "Best of Award of Excellence" Wins in 2025

Manila, Philippines – June 24, 2025 – La Piazza, Okada Manila's signature Italian restaurant, is raising a glass to another year of exceptional wine service. The outlet has won the coveted Wine Spectator's "Best of Award of Excellence" for 2025, marking the second consecutive year La Piazza has earned the prestigious honor.

"This recognition solidifies La Piazza's reputation as a premier destination for wine connoisseurs," said Andreas Balla, Vice President for Food & Beverage at Okada Manila. "This award belongs to our dedicated team, particularly our Sommelier Jose Carlos Tongco, whose passion and expertise guides our world-class wine program."

La Piazza's cellar is a haven for wine lovers as it features around 500 of the finest wine selections and over 1,300 bottles sourced from the premier vineyards from Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux, California, Italy, and Spain.

The accolade places La Piazza among an elite group of establishments worldwide, with only 1,704 restaurants globally, and a select few in the Philippines, earning this esteemed recognition.

Experience the award-winning wines while savoring spectacular Italian dishes at La Piazza today. To make a reservation, please email RestaurantReservation@okadamanila.com or call +632 8555 5799.

About Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator is the world's leading authority on wine. Anchored by Wine Spectator magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web's most comprehensive wine site (WineSpectator.com), mobile platforms and a series of signature events. Wine Spectator examines the world of wine from the vineyard to the table, exploring wine's role in contemporary culture and delivering expert reviews. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes Cigar Aficionado, Whisky Advocate, Market Watch, Shanken News Daily and Shanken's Impact Newsletter.

About Okada Manila

Okada Manila, a Forbes 5-star destination for six consecutive years in the Philippines and a Forbes VERIFIED Responsible Hospitality integrated resort, seamlessly blends unmatched hospitality, gaming, and entertainment across 30 breathtaking hectares. Known for its unique service philosophy, Okada Manila combines the warmth of Filipino hospitality with the precision of Japanese excellence, ensuring every guest feels truly special.

Guests can marvel at The Fountain, a world-renowned water choreography masterpiece, or enjoy the expansive gaming floor—the largest in the Philippines—featuring a wide array of table

games and electronic gaming machines. Exclusive clubs like Perlas, Maharlika, and the VIP Club offer elite gaming experiences for discerning guests.

For families, PLAY Kids' Club and Thrillscape provide exciting and engaging entertainment options designed to cater to both developmental and recreational needs. The Sole Retreat and the Forbes 5-star-rated The Retreat Spa offer sanctuaries promoting wellness and relaxation. Culinary delights await at over 40 dining venues, and a variety of shopping options at The Promenade ensure convenience and a premium experience at your fingertips.

Business travelers will find state-of-the-art facilities for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE), offering well-appointed spaces equipped with the latest technology. Cove Manila, a world-class indoor beach club, serves as an exclusive venue for private events and daycations, providing a stunning backdrop for special occasions under a UV-protected dome. The Okada Manila Entertainment Group (OMEG) brings world-class performances to life, enriching the vibrant entertainment landscape.

Guests can stay in one of 1,001 accommodations, each designed for comfort and sophistication. Digital innovations, including the Okada Online Casino and the Okada Manila App, make it easier than ever to enjoy the integrated resort's offerings.

Unforgettable moments await at Okada Manila. Visit www.okadamanila.com to explore.

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