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WINE BAR LIST OF THE YEAR

Albertine LONDON

It can't hurt that Albertine is near the thirsty employees of the BBC in west London, but the fact that it's been around for more than 30 years must be due to more than mere location. And a quick glance at the list bears this out.



Frankly, this is all you could ever want from a wine bar list. It's not intimidatingly long, but it covers pretty much every style of wine you could wish for, with a huge number of wines under £30 and getting on for 90 wines available by-the-glass.

'It's a massive selection, with loads of good things by the glass,' praised Devaney.

Every wine has a tasting note, but owner Giles Philips has been careful to ensure that they are short and helpful, rather than self-indulgent and unfocused. And there are also nuggets of information for the serious wine lover – without ever

alienating the first-timer; not an easy trick to pull off.

The 30-bin fine wine section is compact, but still covers all the bases, with a few neatly-selected New World additions, and the prices are, once again, remarkably good.

'There are a lot of really good wines here that you can drink without food, all at really good price points,' said Anderson.



SMALL RESTAURANT LIST OF THE YEAR

The Cross at Kingussie INVERNESS

A fair few of the wine lists sent in for the Wine List of the Year competition are real labours of love – but it's

CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS



These were handed out to entries that narrowly missed out on a full List of the Year award, but had elements that the judges really liked, so couldn't bear to see them go away empty-handed

63 Tay Street, Perth

This list boasts a terrific selection of German wines as well as a good half-bottle selection, but what our judges were most taken with was the food and wine matching grid at the start of the list. It doesn't look especially pretty, but it's very user-friendly and encourages the customers to try something different. Genuine innovation from a small eatery. Had there been a bit more of this kind of energy in the presentation on the rest of the list, this could have picked up a top spot.

The Bon Vivant, Edinburgh

This by-the-glass champagne selection had our London-based sommeliers cooing with approval – and turning green with envy at the prices (Roederer at £7 a glass, anyone?). Every listing at this wine bar is available by the glass or carafe, and the presentation is a model of clarity. A bit more of a willingness to push the boundaries in the wines selected (and perhaps enlarging the number of suppliers used) and it would surely have won a top award.

Rotunda, London

As bustling and energetic as the nearby Kings Cross station, Rotunda's list is an awful lot of fun. It's easy to get through, well presented, and the tasting notes are, at times, works of genius – informative, pithy, irreverent and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny. All in all, this list represented a terrific effort, and it was only narrowly squeezed out of winning a full award. So our judges decided to acknowledge it with a Chairman's Award instead.