



# Media Release

---

## COURT OF MASTER SOMMELIERS AUSTRALIA EXAMINATION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

**MEDIA RELEASE: 10 JULY 2017:** The Court of Master Sommeliers Australia under the auspices of The Court of Master Sommeliers Europe has announced the results of its Introductory, Certified and Advanced Examinations held in Sydney this June, with 41 students achieving the title of Introductory Sommelier, 28 students achieving the title of Certified Sommelier and 11 students achieving the title of Advanced Sommelier.

### 2017 Australian Results

The 2017 Australian Riedel Certified Sommelier Dux was awarded to: Andres Aragon (*Trippas White Group*)

The 2017 Australian Riedel Advanced Sommelier Dux was awarded to: Christian Baeppler (*Jonah's*)

- 41 students achieved the title of Introductory Sommelier
- 28 students achieved the title of Certified Sommelier
- 11 students achieved the title of Advanced Sommelier

### The Court of Master Sommeliers

The Court of Master Sommeliers was established in the UK in 1977 to promote excellence in hotel and restaurant beverage services. The intensive education and examination programme guides aspiring Masters through four increasingly rigorous levels of coursework and examination, culminating in the Master Sommelier Diploma Examination. Worldwide there are currently just 236 Sommeliers who have gained the highly-coveted title of Master Sommelier.

### The Court of Master Sommeliers in Australia

Since its first Australian course in 2008, 982 sommeliers have participated in the examinations resulting in 620 Introductory Sommelier graduates, 273 Certified Sommelier graduates, 28 Advanced Sommeliers and 3 who have attained the title of Master Sommelier: Franck Moreau MS (*Merivale*), Sebastian Crowther MS (*Rockpool Dining Group*) and Benjamin Hasko MS (*Bootleggers*).

**Franck Moreau MS** says, "This is the most successful year yet for The Court of Master Sommeliers in Australia, with record enrolment numbers and extensive waitlists for Introductory and Certified levels. Increasingly, Sommeliers and Beverage Professionals are seeing the benefits of CMS accreditation and employers are viewing CMS Certification as an essential qualification when seeking to recruit staff".

**Sebastian Crowther MS** says, "This is the tenth year that The Court of Master Sommeliers Europe have offered its professional accreditation programme in Australia. We're thrilled to have seen students attending The CMS programme this year from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia; as well as Singapore and Malaysia."

**Ben Hasko MS** says, "With 3 Master Sommeliers residing in Australia, The CMS programme is a wonderful opportunity to learn from some of Australia's best Sommeliers and beverage professionals. The calibre and preparedness of students attending the courses continues to improve each year. This is great for both the individual in terms of career progression and Australia's Hospitality and Tourism industries".

**Brian Julyan MS** (*CEO Court of Master Sommeliers Europe*) says, "Over the past ten years The Court of Master Sommeliers Europe has seen an explosion of interest in their Australian Sommelier programmes. Originally running just the Introductory Sommelier Certificate in Australia, we have now progressed to running both Introductory, Certified and Advanced Exams; with 10 candidates planning to sit the Master Sommelier Diploma in London this year."

## 2017 CMS GRADUATES

“Congratulations to the following 2017 Court of Master Sommelier Program Graduates on their outstanding achievements” –

### 2017 CMS Advanced Sommelier Graduates:

Christian Baeppler	Jonah's Restaurant
Cory Morris	Bellota Wine Bar
Daniella Lauricella	Est/Merivale
Eva Hudson	Attica
Florian Valieres	Syracuse Restaurant and Wine Bar
James Dossan	Estelle group
Kara Maisano	Masani Italian Dining & Terrace
Paolo Saccone	Dedes Group
Remi Craquelin	Bistro Vue - Vue de Monde
Tim Perlstone	Merivale
Toru Takamatsu	Jade Temple

### 2017 Certified Sommelier Graduates:

Adeline Zimmermann	World Wine Estates
Alberto Libanoro	Merivale
Andres Aragon	Trippas White Group
Ben Woodward	The Fink Group
Bridget Raffal	Greengate Hotel
Casey Sullivan-Myers	Merivale
Chester Mok	Aubergine Restaurant
Chris Ryan	Cutler & Co
Claudio Spahiu	Quay restaurant
Connor Garland	Moo The Wine Bar and Grill
Daniel John Gibson	Lume
Daniel McEvoy	Rockpool Dining Group
Dominic Robinson	Attica
Eleanor Ash	Not specified
Eleanor Webb	Merivale
Evan Christopoulos	City Wine Shop
Justin Ho Li Vern	Private Room TTDI
Keith Sawyer	Rockpool Bar and Grill Melbourne
Lyndon Joel Ridgway-Browne	Merivale
Manuele Pignotti	Rockpool bar & grill Melbourne
Maximilian Gurtler	Restaurant Hubert
Megan Conway	Brae Restaurant

Michelle Mengyao Wu	Dinner by Heston Blumenthal
Miguel Giteau	Vue De Monde
Patrick Jay Hester	Reserve Wine Bar
Pierre-Marie Caillaud	The French Brasserie
Salvatore Palumbo	Fink Group/ Otto Brisbane
Yong Yi Ying	Vie du Vin

### 2017 Introductory Sommelier Graduates:

Adeline Zimmermann	World Wine Estates
Alexander Rui Yang Wong	Yang and Co
Andrew Dahms	Not specified
Benjamin Preston	Transport Hotel Group - Taxi Kitchen
Brian McCarthy	Cisco
Bridget Raffal	Greengate Hotel
Claudio Spahiu	Quay restaurant
Clemens Oberascher	Weinkontor Salzburg
Connor Garland	Moo Moo The Wine Bar and Grill
Daniel Gibson	Lume
Dimas Samuel Mozarella Haryanto	Not specified
Eleanor Ash	Not specified
Eleanor Webb	Merivale
Erinn Jordan	The Catbird Seat Bistro
Evan Christopoulos	City Wine Shop
Gary Low	The Dempsey Cookhouse and Bar
Hannah Oliver	Il Lido Italian Canteen
Jeffrey Thaow	T42
Jeong Eun Pyo	Quay restaurant
Jesse Leith	Kazuki's
Keith Sawyer	Rockpool Bar and Grill Melbourne
Lyndon Ridgway-Browne	Merivale
Manuele Pignotti	Rockpool bar & grill Melbourne
Matthew Newcomb	InSkin Media
Megan Kurth	Domaine Chandon
Michel Liporace	Hahndorf Accommodation Group
Michelle Mengyao Wu	Dinner by Heston Blumenthal
Miguel Giteau	Vue De Monde
Mirco Tarducci	Lalla Rookh
Nick Loo Sze Hong	Hilton Kuala Lumpur
Nina Throsby	The Shorehouse
Patrice Lilly	CLG Printhall

Patrick De Jonghe	Not specified
Pierre-Marie Caillaud	The French Brasserie
Primo Clutterbok	Kazuki's
Roberto Lombardo	Roberto Lombardo
Ryan Prasad	Cisco
Salvatore Palumbo	Fink Group/ Otto Brisbane
Tommaso Guzzardo	Not specified
Victoria Yun	InterContinental Sydney
Vinodhan Veloo	The Kitchen At Bacchanalia

**-ENDS-**

**For course information please email [info@courtofmastersommeliers.com.au](mailto:info@courtofmastersommeliers.com.au).  
To learn more about The Court of Master Sommeliers visit [www.courtofmastersommeliers.org](http://www.courtofmastersommeliers.org).**

**For media enquiries please contact:  
Franck Moreau MS  
0404 853 226  
[info@courtofmastersommeliers.com.au](mailto:info@courtofmastersommeliers.com.au)  
Images available on request.**

***The Court of Master Sommeliers Oceania gratefully acknowledges the generous support of our  
Exclusive Venue Sponsors InterContinental Sydney and Merivale.***