Top wine lists Down Under 2011

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Australia's *Gourmet Traveller WINE* magazine have just announced the results of their wine list awards 2011, which will be published in their Aug/Sep issue. The awards were presented on Sunday night at Doltone House, Sydney. Congratulations to Pilu at Freshwater and their sommelier Lara Caraturo.

Lara is clearly a world away from the French sommelier shamed but not named in this recent thread on our Members' forum. Look out for Jancis's article tomorrow on sommeliers good and bad; and for the many articles on wine lists on this site, click on the tag at the end of this page.

OVERALL - NATIONAL WINNER OF THE 2011 AUSTRALIA'S WINE LIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Australia's Wine List of the Year - **Pilu at Freshwater**, NSW
Sommelier Responsible for Winning List, The Judy Hirst Award - **Lara Caraturo**, Pilu at Freshwater, NSW

CATEGORY WINNERS

Best Restaurant, **Pilu at Freshwater**, NSW
Best Food & Wine Matching, **Jacques Reymond**, Victoria
Best By the Glass List, **Glass Brasserie**, NSW
Best New List, The Tony Hitchin Award, **Rockpool Bar & Grill**, Perth, WA
Best International Hotel Restaurant, **Galileo**, NSW
Best Wine Bar, **Melbourne Supper Club**, Victoria
Best Digestif List, **Acqua E Vino**, Victoria
Best Country Restaurant, **Royal Mail Hotel**, Victoria
Best Café / Brasserie, **European**, Victoria
Best Beer List, **Healesville Hotel**, Victoria
Best Small List, **Blancharu**, NSW
Best Aperitif List, **Rockpool Bar & Grill**, NSW
Best Pub Restaurant, **Settlers Tavern**, WA
Best Regional List, **Ortiga**, Queensland
Best Club Restaurant, **The Brisbane Club**, Queensland

STATE / TERRITORY WINNERS

ACT, **Rubicon**, Griffith
SA, **Apothecary 1878**, Adelaide
Tasmania, **Me Wah**, Sandy Bay
Queensland, **Aria**, Brisbane
NSW, **Pilu at Freshwater**, Sydney
Victoria, **Royal Mail Hotel**, Dunkeld
WA, **Rockpool Bar & Grill**, Perth

***GOURMET TRAVELLER WINE* READERS' CHOICE AWARD**

Aria - Sydney, NSW

HALL OF FAME (Past Winners of Wine List of the Year)

Rockpool Bar & Grill - Melbourne (2010)
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Taxi Dining Room - Melbourne (2008)
Aria - Sydney (2003)
Circa, The Prince - Melbourne (2001)
Syracuse - Melbourne (1999)
Walter's Wine Bar - Melbourne (1996)

HALL OF FAME (Three Time Winners)

Best Club Restaurant List - **Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron**, Sydney, NSW