

# American Express Dining Awards - More gourmet gallantry from South Africa's most trusted lifestyle companion

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*Staying true to its objective of enriching lives and supporting business success in South Africa, American Express was thrilled to honour this year's winners from the greater Western Cape and the surrounding areas at the annual American Express® Dining Awards.*



Giorgio Nava, Mala Bryan from 95 Keerom, and Chris Wood



*Chef Luke Dale Roberts of the Test Kitchen and Chris Wood*

Now in its 20th year, the American Express Dining Awards recognised and honoured the unique culinary contribution of the Western Cape top eateries, which extend inland and up the southern Cape coast, at the iconic Embassy Hill in Constantia.

The awards are more than just a ceremony – they're a celebration that pays tribute to South Africa's diverse and colourful character as projected through its culinary achievements.



*Leigh Anne Williams and Chris Wood*

Besides striving to recognise culinary excellence, the American Express Dining Awards also target those eateries that pursue new and exciting trends, thereby redefining existing notions of fine dining.

American Express has for long recognised our country's culinary talent and as part of its promise, the brand strives to offer more than just the ability to make a purchase... it offers a lifestyle, and the opportunities and experiences hold true to the global tagline, "Don't live life without it".

Speaking at the American Express Dining Awards, Chris Wood, Head of American Express South Africa, said: "My team and I are fortunate to represent an incredible global brand, one that has for many decades been a symbol for travel, hospitality, amazing food and a life well lived, but for us it's also about Powerful Backing. Our job here in South Africa is to ensure you can accept or make payments, get rewarded, see the right customers and be noticed. Most importantly to know that you have a partner in American Express who gives you a platform to grow and to thrive. Tonight, I'm proud to share this platform with you, one that very clearly says, 'Don't live life without it,' and 'Don't do business without it.'"

Winners of the Dining Awards were awarded based on: consistency, quality, service, food presentation and the underlying

requirement of being an American Express Card-accepting restaurant.

For the first time, the award introduced the American Express Black Apron Awards, each apron included a star for every five years that a restaurant has previously won an Amex Dining Award.

“We are very proud of our 20 years award-winning restaurants Aubergine and Buitenverwachting, who received a four-star Black Apron Award.” – Chris Wood

The American Express Dining Awards 2018/19 Cape Town winners are:

1	Aubergine	24	Su Casa
2	Buitenverwachting	25	Bistro Sixten82
3	Bosman's	26	Bombay Brasserie
4	96 Winery Road	27	il Leone
5	Fraai Uitzicht 1798	28	Myoga
6	Greenhouse	29	Rust en Vrede
7	La Colombe	30	95 Keerom
8	Bread and Wine	31	La Mouette
9	Mimosa Lodge	32	Willoughby & Co
10	Pembrey's	33	Babel at Babylonstoren
11	Serendipity	34	Camphors at Vergelegen
12	Haiku	35	Foliage
13	Hacklewood Hill	36	Indochine
14	Overture	37	Terroir
15	The Foodbarn	38	De Grendel
16	Azure	39	Kurland Restaurant
17	Gold Restaurant	40	Springfontein Eats
18	Nobu	41	Makaron
19	Planet Restaurant	42	The Shortmarket Club
20	Signal	43	The Test Kitchen
21	Waterkloof	44	La Petite Colombe
22	Transkaroo	45	Marigold
23	Zinzi	46	The Werf Restaurant

On 8 October, the American Express Dining Awards will honour top restaurants in the greater Gauteng region and surrounding areas at the newly opened Saint restaurant at The Marc in Sandton.



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