

# MICHELIN AND ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE TRANSPORT GUESTS TO THE BEST KITCHENS IN THE WORLD WITH NEW WINE AND INTERNATIONAL GOURMET DINING SERIES

Celebrated Fashion Designer, Manuel Albarran, Adds Hollywood Glamour to Gala Event at Studio City on November 11

**MACAU, October 13, 2016 (Thursday)** – MICHELIN Guide, the legendary independent guide to dining excellence, and Robert Parker Wine Advocate, the leading guide to fine wine, with the support of Official Title Partner Melco Crown Entertainment, will bring table-side the most celebrated chefs and top wines in a new legacy series of extraordinary new dining experiences designed to touch all the senses.

The inaugural Hong Kong and Macau International Chef Series will bring globally-recognised and award-winning chefs from Michelin-starred restaurants and winemakers closer to their audiences in Asia's mecca of culinary excellence, creating one-off menus, paired with highly-rated Robert Parker Wines rated RP90 or above.

"This series of inaugural events are designed to deepen the relationship between lovers of fine food and wine with establishments and winemakers that have been featured in their respective guides," said Sanjay Chinchwade, Chief Marketing Officer, Robert Parker Wine Advocate. "The dining scenes in Hong Kong and Macau are among the best in the world; these exclusive events, which tell a unique story, will only cement the global reputation of these two world-class destinations."

"The series will bring the pages of the Michelin Guide and Robert Parker Wine Advocate to life in a unique showcase of one-of-a-kind events with celebrity chefs creating signature and original menus paired with handpicked fine wines, especially for the occasion," Mr Chinchwade added.

# Chef Julien Royer of two-Michelin Odette Inaugurates Series at The Tasting Room

French Chef Julien Royer, of modern French restaurant Odette in The National Gallery Singapore, and one of the recipients of two-Michelin stars in the inaugural Singapore edition, is making his Macau debut and unveiled the International Chef Series by presenting a six course presentation with champagne and cognac provided by Seapower from October 12 – 15, 2016 at two-Michelin-starred The Tasting Room in City of Dreams.

"Chef Royer is the perfect star chef for the first event of this series. He embodies everything that Michelin and Robert Parker Wine Advocate celebrate, with his thoughtful passion and welcoming hospitality," said Mr Chinchwade.

In his own words, Royer, says: "Odette is ultimately a celebration of people. The people who grow and nurture our produce; the people who cook; the people who serve; and the people who entrust us with the honour of serving them."

# Prestigious Gala Dinner - A Sensorial Gourmet Journey on November 11

With the incredible legacy of both brands, Studio City, Melco Crown Entertainment's Hollywood-inspired, cinematically-themed integrated entertainment resort in Macau, will host Hong Kong and Macau's first-ever Gala Dinner on November 11 in its Grand Ballroom for 700 foodies, guests and VIPs. Appropriately themed SENSES, the gala dinner will bring together the culinary ingenuity of six globally-recognized chefs who have garnered a total of 13 Michelin stars between them, rare wines, and a stunning visual treat with renowned artist and designer Manuel Albarran, who will guide guests on an experiential journey through the five senses of sight, sound, taste, smell and touch.

The highly-acclaimed Spanish designer will create a visual spectacle exclusively for the event. Famed for designing outfits and costumes for Hollywood celebrities such as Madonna, Beyoncé, Angelina Jolie, and Lady Gaga among others, Albarran will draw from his experiences of creating some of the world's most reputed brand advertising campaigns as well as elaborate costumes for Hollywood movies (such as "Maleficent" - nominated at the Oscars for Best Achievement in Costume Design) to showcase "SENSES".

The six esteemed chefs include Alvin Leung from three-star restaurant Bo Innovation in Hong Kong, Hideaki Matsuo from three-star restaurant Kashiwaya in Osaka, Björn Frantzén from two-star restaurant Frantzén in Stockholm, and Shinji Kanesaka from one-star restaurant Sushi Kanesaka in Tokyo. Chefs hailing from Macau will include Guillaume Galliot from two-star restaurant The Tasting Room, Tam Kwok Fung from two-star restaurant Jade Dragon, and capping it all off will be creations by one of the world's best pastry chefs, Pierre Hermé.

Complementing these culinary experiences, diners will enjoy an exclusive, highly-rated line-up of the world's most sought-after wines including an iconic champagne – the much recognised Rémi Jobard, Meursault 1er Cru, Les Genevrières 2013 (RP 89-91), followed by the Chateau Latour à Pomerol, Pomerol 2006 (RP 94); Chateau Hosanna, Pomerol 2006 (RP 91); Chateau Trotanoy, Pomerol 2006 (RP 95+); Chateau La Fleur-Petrus, Pomerol 2006 (RP 93); and Quinta do Vallado ABF Old Tawny Port 1888.

Michelin and Robert Parker Wine Advocate Gala Dinner: *A Sensorial Gourmet Journey* will be held on November 11 at the Grand Ballroom in Studio City, Macau and is priced at USD 720 (MOP 5,750) per person for six courses and Robert Parker-rated wines to be paired.

# **Prestigious Line Up of Stars**

Following his debut at the gala dinner, Björn Frantzén from two-star restaurant Frantzén, the former Stockholm-based chef, will perform the second event in the International Chef Series on November 12 and 13 in the Yi Pavilion Private Room, Aurora restaurant at Altira Macau.

Chef Curtis Duffy of three-starred Grace of Chicago will present his modern interpretation of the season's best quality ingredients for the third event in the International Chef Series. Chef Duffy will make his Macau debut from December 1-3 at The Tasting Room, City of Dreams in Macau.

Other Michelin dining experiences will also take place across Hong Kong and Macau. For more information and bookings, please visit the Michelin Guide at https://guide.michelin.com.hk/.

# **Photo captions:**

**P001**\_Chef Julien Royer from Singapore's two-Michelin-starred Odette and the culinary team of The Tasting Room work together for the first event of the International Chef Showcase at City of Dreams.



**P003**\_One of Chef Julien Royer's signatures dishes Beetroot Variation - Salt-baked Heirloom beetroot, Stracciatella 'Artigiana' and Organic Honey.



**P002**\_Chef Julien Royer is making his Macau debut at two-Michelin-starred The Tasting Room in City of Dreams until October 15.



**P004**\_Chef Julien Royer's dessert creation Choconuts – Guanaja Chocolate, Taste & textures, Peanuts for his Macau debut at The Tasting Room from October 12-15.



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