



Les Amis Named Four-Stars By Forbes Travel Guide 2015 Star Rating Announcement

SINGAPORE — (February 12, 2015) — Forbes Travel Guide today unveiled its annual Star Rating, naming local-born Les Amis as a Four-Star Restaurant among only 6 restaurants in Singapore that made it to the list.

This is the second year in a row that the flagship French establishment of the influential Les Amis Group has net the covetable global rating that pivots the gold standards in the hospitality industry since 1958. She is also one of only three restaurants in Southeast Asia inducted into the Les Grandes Tables du Monde association, with other notable awards such as San Pellegrino’s “World’s Top 100 Restaurants” and “Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants”.

“Our Star Ratings recognize the finest hotels, restaurants and spas in the world. These ratings serve as the most authoritative guideposts for guests seeking exceptional travel experiences. Our primary mission is to contribute to excellence in hospitality, serving the global tourism industry as well as the guest,” said Gerard J. Inzerillo, Chief Executive Officer of Forbes Travel Guide.

This year, Les Amis marks its 21st birthday since its opening on 15 March 1994 at Shaw Centre, Orchard Road, as Singapore’s first independent fine dining restaurant. Today, her walls cradle some of the world’s rarest gems such as exclusive wines made only for Les Amis by Thibault Ligerblair and Le Ponclet butter; less than 20 restaurants in the world can grab hold of them, with Les Amis being the only one in Singapore.

Les Amis Executive Chef Sebastien Lepinoy does not restrict himself to trends of cooking styles, but rather chooses to keep an unwavering resolve to focus on the ingredients. He gets fishes flown in from the edge of France, near a remote island called Île d'Yeu, 3 times a week. The fishing method used is called à la ligne; a single fisherman goes out into the deep ocean on a small boat, and catches wild fish with an individual line which reduces the tension and bruises that curb quality. The fishes are delivered daily as compared to larger boats that sail for 2 to 3 days.

“The dishes I create for Les Amis are with mainly classic French cooking techniques with Asian components and aesthetics using carefully selected ingredients,” said Chef Lepinoy.

Partnering him in the kitchen is Pastry Chef Cheryl Koh, who was trained at two-Michelin star Lasserre in Paris and has been working with Chef Lepinoy for two years prior to their Singapore stint. Complementing Chef Lepinoy’s cooking techniques with her artisanal approach to desserts, the duo has designed a series of menus for Les Amis, featuring exquisite French fare using the finest ingredients with stylish presentation and exceptional attention to details.

To match an exquisite array of dishes, Les Amis also boasts two temperature-controlled wine cellars which house the restaurant’s S\$5 million wine collection cherry-picked by award winning sommeliers. Its 2000-label

wine list has been a recipient of the Wine Spectator's Grand Award - one of the only three Grand Award winners in Asia since 1996.

From a single establishment, the Group has gone from strength to strength, capitalizing on its commitment to quality in food, wine and service, to venture into many cuisine styles and concepts. To date, the Group has within its current portfolio, outlets in Singapore, Hong Kong, The Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Myanmar, which include franchises and joint ventures.

Les Amis is located at 1 Scotts Road #01-16 Shaw Centre Singapore 228208.

Follow Les Amis on Instagram: @lesamisrestaurant and visit their website www.lesamis.com.sg. For reservations, call 6733-2225.

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