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HKTB Stages Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival from 23 to 26 October Hours Extended Until Midnight for the First Time "Grand Wine Pavilion" & "Tasting Room" Return with Acclaim

Priority Booking with Designated Credit Card Opens Today. Public Sales Start This Thursday.



Organised by the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB), and co-organised by Bordeaux Wine Council (CIVB), the annual flagship event "Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival" is set to return. This year, the four-day Festival will be held at the Central Harbourfront Event Space from 23 to 26 October (Thursday to Sunday). For the first time, the evening hours will be extended until midnight, allowing guests to enjoy the festivities late into the night.

The theme of this year's event is "REMIX. BEST OF ALL WORLDS", and it marks the highly anticipated return of two Festival favourites: the **BEA Grand Wine Pavilion** and the exclusive **Tasting Room**. Sponsored by The Bank of East Asia (BEA), the **BEA Grand Wine Pavilion** will assemble a collection of top-class wines, including prestigious bottles from Bordeaux's First Growth chateaux. The **Tasting Room** will feature five celebrated chefs for an unprecedented ten-hand collaborative dinner, a true feast for the senses. **Towngas Gourmet Avenue**, sponsored by Towngas, will feature a dozen of Hong Kong's finest restaurants, including Michelin-starred and Black Pearl establishments, offering visitors a culinary journey that boast a collective "13 Stars and 7 Diamonds" all under one roof.

Another highlight at the Festival this year is the interactive "Pairing Exploration" experience. By exploring clever combinations of five distinct flavour profiles and five grape varieties, guests are invited to curate their own pairings and discover new tasting sensations. Moreover, this year's event will also feature new Country Pavilions and a host of popular international brands, promising a sophisticated journey that blends the classic with the contemporary. There will be more activities and promotions related to the Festival, with details to be announced later.

Admission tickets, Tasting Passes, and Grand Wine Tasting Passes will go on public sale online starting from 2 October (Thursday). As the Festival's major sponsor, American Express is offering its Cardmembers exclusive three-day early access for the sale (29 September to 1 October), plus special privileges throughout the event.

Dr Peter Lam, Chairman of the HKTB, remarked: "I am delighted to see the Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival, our annual flagship event, return with an even more star-studded lineup this year. With the celebrated return of signature experiences such as the BEA Grand Wine Pavilion and the Tasting Room, we are introducing an even greater collection of fine vintages from Bordeaux's 1855 classified growths. The Festival is also hosting renowned international Michelin-starred chefs to create their gourmet masterpieces on-site. This year's theme, 'REMIX. BEST OF ALL WORLDS', reflects our mission to source the finest wines and cuisines from across the globe, presenting them in combinations that create an unparalleled tasting experience. I would like to thank our many partners and sponsors, whose collaboration is instrumental in bringing this annual international event to both locals and visitors. This also serves as a testament to the Festival's role as an exceptional platform for promoting fine wine and food, and for driving new business opportunities."

A World of Refined Indulgence

The BEA Grand Wine Pavilion (Appendix 1) is set to return this year with a hall-of-fame lineup. Within the comfort of the Pavilion, guests can embark on a one-stop journey through the world's most revered wine regions. This includes a dedicated counter curated by renowned wine critic James Suckling, presenting over 100 exceptional Old and New World wines with his highest ratings, alongside his handpicked selection of Chinese wines. To mark the 170th anniversary of the 1855 Bordeaux Classification, the pavilion will feature a rare gathering of legendary wines from all five First Growth estates — Lafite, Latour, Margaux, Haut-Brion and Mouton—a perfect tribute to Bordeaux's supreme terroir. These wines will be showcased alongside rare and treasured Grand Cru selections from Burgundy, creating a dazzling showcase from two of the world's most pre-eminent wine regions.

The **BEA Grand Wine Pavilion**'s wine map spans the globe, featuring Spain's iconic Vega Sicilia, Italy's national treasure Biondi-Santi, and the 100-point Colgin IX Estate from the US, as rated by James Suckling. Also making an appearance is Lafite's Chinese venture, Domaine de Long Dai. Beyond wine, the Pavilion will showcase the art of global craftsmanship with offerings such as a 56-year-old single malt whisky and a rare Kweichow Moutai, providing a world-class journey for every connoisseur.

A Constellation of Culinary Stars

1. Tasting Room

The hugely popular **Tasting Room** returns with an all-star cast of five of the culinary world's most influential chefs from Hong Kong and abroad. For one exclusive evening, they will present "Taste the Extraordinary: Beyond Cantonese Flavour," a 10-hand collaborative dinner that seeks to redefine the boundaries of Chinese cuisine.

The esteemed lineup of chefs includes:



Cheung Yat-fung, Beijing Michelin three-star Chiu Chow cuisine chef.



Andrew Wong, the first Chinese cuisine chef to be awarded two Michelin stars outside Asia.



Ji-sun Jung, Culinary Class Wars' "Queen of Dim Sum".



Jayson Tang, a young Michelinstarred chef committed to preserving Cantonese culinary heritage.



Menex Cheung, An executive chef renowned for his creative approach to Chinese fusion.

Tickets for the "Tasting Room" dinner will go on sale via Klook from 10 October.

2. Towngas Gourmet Avenue

Making its impressive debut, **Towngas Gourmet Avenue**, sponsored by Towngas, brings together 12 of the city's most lauded restaurants. The star-studded culinary tour features a collection of 13 Michelin stars and 7 Black Pearl diamonds, offering participants an unprecedented opportunity to sample the city's most celebrated cuisine in a single location (See Appendix 2 for more details).

Here is the restaurant lineup at **Towngas Gourmet Avenue**:

- L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon: Michelin three-star, Black Pearl two-diamond French cuisine
- Forum Restaurant: Michelin three-star Cantonese cuisine
- **Bo Innovation:** Michelin two-star, Black Pearl one-diamond innovative cuisine
- Arbor: Michelin two-star, Black Pearl one-diamond Nordic-Japanese cuisine
- Cristal Room by Anne-Sophie Pic: Michelin one-star French cuisine
- Ami: Michelin one-star French cuisine
- Épure: Michelin one-star French cuisine
- Ming Court: Black Pearl one-diamond Cantonese cuisine
- Chinesology: Black Pearl one-diamond Chinese cuisine
- The Chinese Library: Black Pearl one-diamond Chinese cuisine
- **CIAK Concept:** Renowned pizzeria
- CulinArt 1862: Presented by Towngas

3. Hotel Delicious

A perennial favourite, the "Hotel Delicious" zone returns with its most comprehensive ever offering, featuring 11 of Hong Kong's premier hotels. Indulge in signature dishes prepared on-site, from Grand Hyatt's famous Hainanese Chicken Rice to The Royal Garden's Butterfly Cookies provide food lovers with a unique opportunity to experience the best of the city's hotel dining scene in one place.

Pairing Exploration Experience: A New Way to Explore Flavour

This year introduces an exciting interactive concept: Pairing Exploration. Discover the creative synergy between food and wine by matching five key flavour profiles (sweet, sour, spicy, salty, and umami) with five distinct grape varieties (Merlot, Chardonnay, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Sauvignon Blanc). Guided by a simple colour-coded system (see Appendix 4), guests will curate their own unique combinations and explore the art of culinary pairing at their own pace.

New Surprises for a Lingering Experience

In addition to the return of classic elements, this year's Festival brings even more magic with exciting new surprises by partnering with popular international brands. One of the highlights is a specially themed area presented by Hong Kong Disneyland Resort.

Discover the **Disney-themed area**, featuring Festival-exclusive culinary delights inspired by beloved Disney characters. A magical array of new Christmas treats will make its debut at the Festival, ahead of the season, offering locals and visitors an exclusive first taste of what's to come at the park.

For those in search of something special to drink, we'll be featuring a range of Marvel-themed cocktails and signature drinks, sure to delight fans and cocktail enthusiasts alike. And for the first time ever, we're introducing Disney wines to the event—red and white varietals produced by the Walt Disney family, deeply connected to the brand's heritage and cinematic legacy. Highlights include selections from **Frank Family Vineyards**, founded by former Walt Disney Studios President Rich Frank, allowing guests to experience the unique character of Napa Valley.

A World-Class Feast of Epicurean Offerings

The Festival grounds will feature approximately 305 booths, with a strong focus on wine (70%) complemented by a curated selection of gourmet food (30%). This year's programme spans 31 countries and regions, with dedicated national pavilions from established participants, including Bordeaux (France), the United Kingdom, Spain, China, and Japan. New country pavilions have also been added to the lineup, including the United States, Italy, Czech Republic, Belgium, Norway, Austria, Mexico and Poland, promising a fresh and exciting experience for every palate (see Appendix 3).

Wine & Dine Festival Opening Hours

Event Opening Hours (Last admission: 11:30 pm)		
23 October (Thursday)	7:30 pm – 12:00 midnight	
24 October (Friday)		
25 October (Saturday)	12 noon – 12 midnight	
26 October (Sunday)		

Ticketing Options & Offers

Starting from 2 October, tickets will be available for purchase on Klook and Trip.com. American Express Cardmembers can enjoy an exclusive priority booking period* from 29 September to 1 October. Following are the full details:

Pass Type	Includes	Price	Advance Purchase Offer (2 to 22 October)	American Express Cardmember Offer*
Grand Wine Tasting Pass	 1 Admission Ticket (HK\$40) 16 Tokens (HK\$400) 1 Grand Wine Glass (HK\$200) Grand Wine Pavilion Access with Snacks Coupon (HK\$200) Valued at HK \$840 	HK\$598	HK\$498	HK\$448
Tasting Pass	 1 Admission Ticket (HK\$40) 8 Tokens (HK\$200) 1 Standard Wine Glass (HK\$130) Valued at HK \$370 	HK\$298	HK\$268	Not Applicable

American Express Cardmember Privileges*:

- Exclusive 3-day priority booking access
- Dedicated American Express Lane for ticket purchase and tokens top-up kiosks on-site.
- 20% savings on additional tokens (standard price HK\$25 each)
- * Available to eligible American Express Cardmembers with cards issued in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. For full terms & conditions, visit: https://go.amex/dn8G55

Additional Notes:

- Tickets will be available at the door. Standard admission is HK\$40, for ages 12 and above.
- Half-price concessionary admission is available for seniors aged 65 and older, children aged 3 to 12, full-time students and individuals with disabilities.
- Entry to the "BEA Grand Wine Pavilion" requires a separate access ticket.
- Standard wine glass is available for purchase on-site at the entrance for a discounted price of HK\$60.

<u>Tourism Hotspots Joint Promotion to Attract Participation in the "Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival"</u>

The HKTB, in collaboration with The Hong Kong Jockey Club, MTR Corporation, and the tourism industry, has specially prepared exclusive gifts for visiting tourists. Eligible tourists will receive one "Guest Lite Pass" and visitor-exclusive coupons with a total value exceeding HK\$400.

The contents of the pass include a Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival admission ticket, a tasting pass containing 4 tokens, and one wine glass. The visitor-exclusive coupons include a HK\$50 Racecourse Catering Coupon from The Hong Kong Jockey Club, allowing tourists to experience the electrifying atmosphere of world-class horse racing at Sha Tin or Happy Valley Racecourse starting from 26 October (valid until 31 December 2025); the MTR Corporation will provide a Buy-one, get-one-free offer for Airport Express single journey adult ticket, allowing tourists to travel to and from the airport with ease.

Redemption locations / methods include:

- Visit Happy Valley Racecourse on 22 October to join Happy Wednesday's "Bollywood Night".
- Purchase designated attraction tickets, including from major attractions and operators such as The Peak Tram, Ocean Park Hong Kong, Ngong Ping 360, M+, the Hong Kong Palace Museum, the WestK Performing Arts.
- From 21 to 26 October, visit one of the designated Hong Kong Tourism Board Visitor Centre.
- Visitors staying at designated hotels during 21 to 26 October
- Designated travel websites and travel agencies

For terms and conditions, please refer to: https://www.discoverhongkong.com/eng/what-s-new/events/wine-dine-festival.html?popup=guest-pass

Photo captions



Dr Peter Lam, HKTB Chairman (fifth from right, front row), Mr Anthony Lau, HKTB Executive Director (leftmost, front row) and sponsors at the press conference of "2025 Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival". Representatives from include: (front row) Ms Kimmy Kung, Business Development Manager, Kung Kai Hong Co Ltd (second from left), Ms Carmen Ho, Vice President, Affluent Marketing, HKT (third from left), Mr Corbin Sun Wai Tak, Head of Retail Lending Department, Personal Banking Division, The Bank of East Asia, Limited (Fourth from left), Mr Walter Liu, Head of Asia Region, American Express Hong Kong

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HKTB's "2025 Hong Kong Wine & Dine Festival" will feature about 300 booths. One of the highlights of this year's festival is the "Pairing Exploration" experience, allowing participants to discover new gastronomic sensation by combining the five tastes with five grape varieties.

Members of the media can download the press release and photos from the following links:

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BEA Grand Wine Pavilion: Premium Selections The Five First Growths (Premiers Crus) of the 1855 Bordeaux Classification **Chateau Mouton Rothschild 2008 Chateau Lafite Rothschild 2015 Chateau Haut-Brion 2015** France France France Exhibits intense aromas of black Cedar aromas lead to a core of A complex bouquet of black currant liqueur, layered with notes black raspberries, red currants, and cherries, plums, charcoal and floral-like crushed plums, accented by hints blueberries unfolds with hints characteristics. A treasure for of cigar boxes and underbrush. The of cinnamon stick, cloves, collectors and the ultimate dream for palate reveals a distinct minerality, nutmeg, and espresso. leading to a long, lingering finish. any wine connoisseur. flawless interpretation Bordeaux's signature elegance. Chateau Margaux 2015 **Grand Vin de Chateau Latour 2012** France France From an iconic French estate, this wine is crafted Medium garnet-purple coloured, it offers inviting from old vines averaging over 60 years of age, aromas of warm berries, cassis, and Black Forest making it one of the most distinguished premier red cake. Perfectly balanced and beautifully structured

with complex layers.

wines of Bordeaux.

Domaine François Lamarche La Dom		Domaine Fa	the Exceptional Terroir of Bure Faiveley Mazis hambertin Grand Cru 2022		Louis Jadot Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru	
France			ince		France	
A Pinot Noir that is the epitor elegance and finesse, per expressing the unique term one of the world's most celes wine-growing regions.	rfectly oir of	Deep ruby-purp wine reveals an of smoke, spice,	le in colour, this enticing bouquet wild berries, and apply stunning on	Burgundy White with aromas of peach, citrus, and white flowers, complemented by hints of toasted brioche and hazelnuts. Full-bodied and creamy, balanced by fresh acidity and strong minerality, with a long, refined finish.		
		Old Wor	ld Wines	<u> </u>		
Biondi-Santi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2015	Veg	UNICO 2013	BOLLINGER Batch 2 20	800	Champagne Laurent- Perrier Grand Siècle Itération N°26	
Italy		Spain	France (Cham		France (Champagne)	
From the legendary estate of Biondi-Santi, the pioneers of Brunello, this Riserva is renowned for unrivaled longevity and elegance.	one o wines, and c poach		An extraordinar of 71% Pinot N 29% Charcrafted from sourced from 18 and Premiers vineyards.	Noir and rdonnay, grapes	Rated by Champagne authority Tom Stevenson as one of the seven "must-try" champagnes of a lifetime, this wine has a brilliant white gold hue, with delicate and persistent bubbles, and a palate that is both fresh and delicate.	

New World Wines		Spi	rits
Colgin IX Estate Syrah 2021	Long Dai 2018	Highland Park 56-Year Old	Kweichow Moutai (53%, Super Rare)
United States	China	United Kingdom	China
A fusion of blackberry and black tobacco aromas, with a chocolaty undertone. The palate is silky and complex, leaving a lasting impression. This American wine received a perfect 100-point score from renowned wine critic James Suckling.	A core of dark fruit, featuring notes of blueberry and blackberry, complemented by hints of toasted spice and cocoa. Its tannins are abundant yet elegant, leading to a long, sustained finish.	A perfumed and complex whisky with depth. Discover a	Crafted using the scientific traditions of Kweichow Moutai, this spirit is distinguished by its prominent soy-sauce-like aroma. It is elegant with a mellow body and a soft, comparatively prominent aged character that leads to a long, aftertaste.
	Sak	e.	Tolig, aftertaste.
Juyondai, Shichidare Nijikkan		Kamoshibito Kuheiji 'Hi No Kishi'	
Junmai Daiginjo		Junmai Daiginjo	
Japan		Japan	
This top-tier sake from Juyondai, Japan's most acclaimed sake brand, has a top-tier, luxurious "Shizuku" expression. An explosive aroma of ripe fruit bursts forth upon opening, leading to a sweet and luscious palate with a smooth, full-bodied texture and remarkable complexity.		Famed for its distinctive style, this "Kuheiji" sake brand is a celebrated favourite among many three-star Michelin restaurants in France.	

Towngas Gourmet Avenue: Epicurean Offerings of "13 Stars & 7 Diamonds" Forum Restaurant **Bo Innovation** £3£3£3 £3£33 Dried Longan, Red Molecular **Braised Abalone** Dates, Lotus Seed and Bo BBQ Bun Xiao Long Bao Lily Bulb Ice Cream Premium dried South Inspired by a nourishing A signature dish of Bo Char siu from Iberico African abalone slowdessert from gourmet Innovation pork, marinated that braised over an open Wang Tingzhi, this deconstructs the cooked with pineapple flame in a casserole, refreshing summer treat traditional Xiao Long juice, along with pickled features creamy longan-Bao through molecular ginger from local brand creating an intensely fragrant delicacy that is infused milk ice cream. gastronomy. Experience Mei Chun, wrapped in a luxuriously tender with a topped with a delicate the classic flavours of the baguette. A creative satisfyingly chewy bite. sprinkle of lotus seeds, soup dumpling in a bite. reinterpretation of the lily bulb and dried red complemented by classic BBQ pork bun. dates. pickled ginger and vinegar for dipping. Ming Court Chinesology Fish Maw, BBQ Pork, **Pan-Fried Homemade** Abalone Sauce, Dried Prawn, Garlic, Local **Drunken Lobster In** Rice Flour Rolls With, Shrimp Roe Egg Salted Egg Yolk, 20-years Huadiao **Sergestid Shrimp** Noodles, Ginger, Almond, Fried Sauce **Spring Onion, Tossed** Premium lobster soaked Ming Court's signature Prawn balls are coated in Delicately pan-fried in 20-year Huadiao wine homemade rice rolls supreme honey-glazed locally cured salted egg BBQ pork, paired with yolk from Hoi Yuen Egg and house-made brine, paired with a rich sakura shrimp sauce, delivering silky fish maw, blends Co., and stir-fried to a creating perfect balance of sweetness and a crisp, silky texture and perfectly with golden crisp with a depth. This dish elevates deep umami. A refined handmade, addictivesucculent interior. twist on a beloved dim free shrimp roe noodles traditional drunken seafood with elegant from century-old brand sum classic. Chan Ming Kee. refinement.

CulinArt 1862 Cristal Room by Anne-Sophie Pic **Chinese Peas from** Le Millefeuille Blanc **Burrata Cheese with** Yunnan and Caviar **Grilled Oyster with** Tahitian Vanilla, Jasmine Homemade XO sauce **Geranium Rosat** 'Nduja Butter Jelly Voatsiperifery & Toasted Focaccia Leaves and **Pepper Cloud** Gyokuro This iconic dessert from Creamy burrata cheese Japanese oysters Chef Anne-Sophie are meets spicy house-made Pic presents Chinese grilled to perfection and Chef Anne-Sophie Pic XO sauce in this Easttopped with 'nduiapeas. cream features a millefeuille with West fusion. The spiced butter. The spicy, geranium the flavours of vanilla and rosat delicate cheese pouch smoky flavour of Italian topped with caviar. jasmine. bursts with rich cream, sausage melds with Enjoy all the layers perfectly complemented together creamy butter. to by the umami depth of enhancing the oyster's experience the XO sauce. natural brininess. beautiful flavours and textures. **CIAK CONCEPT** The Chinese Library "Four Blessing" Wagyu & Black Seasonal **Jasmine Tea-Smoked** Philly Cheesesteak Pizza **Pepper Puffs** Hairy Crab Pizza **Bean Curd Roll** These bean curd rolls, Delicate, handcrafted Succulent meat of Don't miss this Festival puff pastry parcels filled inspired by "Four fresh hairy crabs, exclusive! The pizza Blessings". with diced Wagyu beef are filled lavishly combined features a crust naturally sautéed with aromatic with golden crab roe fermented for 36 hours, and with three fresh ingredients and lightly black pepper. The rich for an unparalleled is loaded with diced USDA marbling of the beef and smoked with jasmine tea and decadent taste of beef, onions, and a signature the spice of the pepper and brown sugar. The house-made cheese whiz. the sea. result is a unique, encased in satisfying texture. wonderfully flaky and crisp shell.

	oure Arbor ∰ ∰	L'Atelier del Joël Ro	obuchon X The Grand HK
Ami Signature Beef Sando	Crispy Wagyu Black Pepper Beef Beignet	Cold Angel Hair Pasta with Black Caviar, Truffle and Salted Kombu	Sologne Imperial Caviar in Lobster Jelly with Alaskan King Crabmeat
Ami's signature bar food, Beef Sando, features a juicy prime beef patty draped in molten raclette cheese, nestled between toasted bread. Savoury, indulgent and absolutely perfect.	beef cheek, braised in a piquant Singaporean black pepper sauce, enveloped in a light, deep-fried beignet. Crowned with a slice of	The cold angel hair is topped with caviar and truffle, combining refined luxury with refreshing flavors— an indulgent signature dish that has won the hearts of many.	most iconic creations, this dish features delicate caviar with perfect salinity and nutty notes, paired with the sweetness of Alaskan king crab and the luxurious texture of lobster jelly—an

A Curated Selection of Wines from 31 Countries and Regions			
Lewei Dragon Red Wine,	Yunnan Red Winery Art Reserve:	Iberiuli Kisi Qvevri,	
2020	Soul of the Highlands Brandy XO	2019	
China	China	Georgia	
From Lewei Wines, the sole winery located in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China.	This Chinese brandy offers an inviting nose of vanilla, dried apricot, smoke and oak interweaving the flavours of spiced honey and orange peel.	An iconic Georgian wine with aromas of apricot and juniper berry. It features chewy tannins and flavours of grapefruit, guava, and vanilla.	
Garage 22 Blue Gin	Danger 380 volts, 2024	MASTIC TEARS CLASSIC MASTIHA Spirit Liqueur	
Czech Republic	Czech Republic	Greece	
In the new Czech Republic pavilion, discover a unique Butterfly Pea Flower Gin, offering an aroma of rosemary with hints of grapefruit peel and subtle notes of Sichuan pepper.	In addition to gin, the Czech pavilion presents an exotic sparkling wine with intriguing notes of savoury citrus.	This elegant 24% ABV liqueur from Greece is crafted by distilling the tears of the mastic tree, offering aromatic complexity and a finish that is both sweet and refreshingly crisp.	



Pairing Exploration, A New Way to Explore Flavour

Sauvignon Blanc Umami Food

Sauvignon Blanc is a vibrant and aromatic white wine varietal. It typically exhibits flavours of green apple, lime, passion fruit, and gooseberry and features refreshing herbal and grassy notes.

When pairing Sauvignon Blanc with umami-rich food, the wine's bright acidity and herbal notes create an excellent balance with savoury richness. Its mineral character can also enhance the freshness and flavour of umami food.

Chardonnay Sour Food

Chardonnay is an adaptable white wine varietal. Its expressions vary significantly based on climate, vineyard management, and winemaking approaches. This noble grape typically displays flavours of apple, pear, citrus, and tropical fruits like pineapple and mango.

When matching Chardonnay with sour dishes, the wine's natural acidity creates harmonious balance. Choose lightly oaked versions to provide a creamy counterpoint to tart flavours, or select unoaked expressions to enhance and brighten the dish's natural acidity.

Merlot Sweet Food

Merlot ranks among the world's most cultivated red wine varietals, celebrated for its silky texture and welcoming character. This noble grape presents classic flavours of red fruits - cherry, plum, and raspberry - often layered with darker notes of blackberry and cassis.

When matching Merlot with sweet or fruit-forward dishes, the wine's natural fruit character creates harmonious balance. Its gentle tannin structure complements rich, fruity dishes while maintaining elegant texture and depth.

Shiraz Spicy Food

Shiraz, known as Syrah in France, emerges as a powerful, full-bodied red wine with roots in the Rhône Valley. Classic expressions reveal intense dark fruits - blackberry, plum, and blueberry - layered with distinctive spice notes of black pepper, clove, and liquorice.

When matching Shiraz with spicy cuisine, the wine's bold fruit character and generous body create perfect balance with heat-driven dishes. Australian expressions, with their plush fruit and natural acidity, particularly excel at taming fiery flavours.

Cabernet Sauvignon Salty Food

Cabernet Sauvignon is celebrated for its commanding presence and structural integrity. This noble grape presents intense dark fruit characteristics - blackcurrant (cassis), blackberry, and black cherry - supported by firm, sophisticated tannins that ensure exceptional aging potential.

When matching Cabernet Sauvignon with salt-forward dishes, a beautiful balance emerges. The wine's powerful structure and bold fruit complement savoury elements, while the salt gracefully softens its firm tannins, creating perfect harmony.