
VARIAS RESTAURANT AT THE QUEENSLAND COLLEGE OF WINE TOURISM RECEIVES TOP GONG AT RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AWARDS

Varias Restaurant, at the Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT) has won the Best Restaurant in a Winery category at the 2016 QLD & NT Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence. The awards featured over 550 restaurant entered across 38 categories.

QCWT CEO, Peter O'Reilly was quick to acknowledge the efforts of Kim Gallaway and Chef Drew Simpson for the achievement.

"It is a wonderful feather in the cap of our trainers that a training restaurant can consistently achieve the standards required to win awards such as these," he said.

Mr O'Reilly predicted continued improvement with Varias now being open for dinner on Friday and Saturday nights.

"The more relaxed nature of evening dining will undoubtedly enable our staff to focus on the finer points that are often overlooked during a busy lunch when many patrons are keen to continue their exploration of all that the Granite Belt has to offer," he said.

The Awards for Excellence are judged by an independent team of trained judges who anonymously visit the venues to determine the winners. The scores are based on the entire dining experience from food to the customer service experienced when the judges anonymously dine.

The Varias are eagerly awaiting announcement of the national finalists who will compete at the National Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence to be held in Sydney on Monday 24th October 2016.

Peter O'Reilly noted, "We were pleased to see that the judges found we'd improved in the 12 months since they last visited, so we're very much looking forward to the National Awards. It would be a remarkable event for the Queensland industry if we were able to snare the national award."

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R&CA is the industry association representing thousands of restaurant and catering businesses across Australia. To view the full list of category winners in the 2016 Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence, visit the R&CA website at www.restaurantcater.asn.au.

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