

## *The World*, Residences at Sea is awarded three stars *and* wins Best Ship 2015 in *The World of Fine Wine's* 'World's Best Wine Lists 2015'

LONDON, England, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015: *The World, Residences at Sea* has been bestowed two prestigious accolades in *The World of Fine Wine* magazine's **World's Best Wine Lists 2015**. The private residential Ship received **three stars**, the highest possible and lead its category as **Best Ship 2015**.

A hugely prestigious award, *The World* joins the ranks of some of the finest restaurants on the globe including New York City's Eleven Madison Park which received Best Overall Wine List, and other three-star winners like Sydney's ARIA restaurant and Paris' Le Bristol. Recognition by one of the world's top wine magazines is a testament to the calibre of the Ship's wine collection – rivalling the best in the world – and the dedication of *The World's* Beverage Team.

"It gives me a remarkable feeling of satisfaction for a 'job well done' to receive this recognition from a publication I deeply respect," says *The World's* Beverage Manager Marinela Ivanova. "To be included in the top wine lists in the world is pretty incredible. Our goal is to rival the best restaurants on the planet. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to our Residents. They deserve all the credit for supporting this one-of-a-kind project called *The World*. Without the resources they provide us we would never be able to unfold our ideas into practice."

The judges assessed over 4,000 wine lists with only 300 in the world being awarded three stars. The esteemed panel of senior judges included some of the world's greatest experts including Alder Yarrow, Ch'ng Poh Tiong and *TWFW* Editor Neil Beckett. According to Word Sommelier Champion Gerard Bassett, "These exciting new global awards are rapidly becoming as coveted as Michelin Stars".

As a three-star winner, *The World's* wine list is recognised as having "exceptional breadth and/or depth in the selection; a very high proportion of leading producers, large and small, old and new, established and emerging; a very good mix of vintages in terms of age, maturity, quality, and style; a wide range of wine styles and prices; an extensive by-the-glass program; an extensive selection of half-bottles and larger formats; outstanding organization and presentation; clear evidence of originality and personality; clear evidence of commitment over the long term, genuine passion, and real vision".

<u>Click here</u> to read what *The World of Fine Wine* magazine has to say about *The World's* wine list.

**About** *The World of Fine Wine* **Magazine:** Named 'Louis Roederer International Wine Publication of the Year' three years running (2010, 2011 and 2012), *The World of Fine Wine* (TWFW) is an award-winning magazine that speaks to an international readership of discerning

individuals who each share a passion for wine. The publication appeals to a broad spectrum of wine lovers because of the range of subject matter covered and the quality and depth of the articles written on these academic topics. Working with some of the world's most respected wine writers, TWFW offers authoritative editorial content and the go-to place for the global fine wine aficionado. TWFW is a quarterly publication with subscribers extending across 30 countries.

## About The World

Launched in 2002, *The World*® is the largest privately owned, residential yacht on earth with 165 luxury Residences. A diverse group of Residents from 19 countries own the homes on board and share interests in world cultures, history and adventure, and exploring fascinating destinations. They circumnavigate the globe every two to three years following an extraordinary itinerary that they select. In-depth expeditions and one-of-a-kind experiences are complemented by world-class amenities and impeccable service.

*The World* embodies a distinctive, one-of-a-kind lifestyle of exclusive luxury travel where Residents explore every corner of the globe, experience myriad different cultures and gain privileged access to the planet's most beautiful destinations, all from the comfort of their own home. The strikingly beautiful 644-foot Ship promises gracious and personal service in a warm, inviting ambience much like that of a private yacht, well-staffed private home or exclusive country club. The average occupancy at any one time of 150-200 Residents & Guests assures an intimate atmosphere.

*The World* offers the ultimate combination of thrilling and enriching travel with world-class amenities and facilities including impeccable culinary mastery in its six restaurants, exceptional golf facilities with onboard putting greens and a state-of-the-art golf simulator, the only full-size tennis court at sea, swimming pools, a spa, a fitness center, expert destination lecturers, library, cinema and more.

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