



MANTEO WINS THE TRIPLE CROWN!

Wild Apple Restaurant at Manteo Resort has swept three key categories, capturing two silvers and a gold in the recently announced 2010 British Columbia Wine List Awards, which are part of the Okanagan Fall Wine Festival.

Wild Apple was honored to receive the silver in **Best BC Wine by the Glass** and a silver in **Best Overall Wine List**. They topped these silver awards with a gold for **Best First Time Entry**. Facing competition from both Okanagan Valley restaurants and restaurants in Vancouver and Whistler, Wild Apple was a notable success with their numerous accolades.

Sponsored by the BC Wine Museum and VQA Wine Shop, these awards are evaluated on the restaurants' commitment to the promotion of British Columbia wines, the quality of their wine selections and the overall philosophy of their wine and food program.

The wine list at Wild Apple Restaurant is coordinated by Erika Staffanson, a Certified Sommelier who joined Manteo Resort less than a year ago, and who works closely with world class Chef Bernard Casavant to carefully craft a list to match the restaurant's award-winning cuisine. Chef Bernard describes his food philosophy for Wild Apple as "wine country cuisine" where the food and wine play equal roles in the dining experience. The menu descriptions provide thoughtful suggestions of wine pairings with individual courses so the diner has the ultimate experience for both the food and the selected wine.

"Erika Staffanson is the personification of a true to the heart wine aficionado. Her relentless pursuit of the most interesting tasting and newest wines has resulted in a wonderfully structured wine list", says Casavant. "As a certified Sommelier, Erika has also implemented a great team member training program, ensuring that our staff and guests benefit from this knowledge as well", he adds.

Wild Apple Restaurant & Lounge is open seven days a week for breakfast, lunch and dinner and is located in Manteo Resort at 3762 Lakeshore Road, Kelowna, BC.

Manteo Resort Waterfront Hotel & Villas is located on the shores of Okanagan Lake, in Kelowna, BC. Minutes from championship golf and award-winning wineries and just an hour from powder skiing at Big White and Silver Star, Manteo Resort Waterfront Hotel and Villas is the premier Okanagan Lake resort destination.

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