

Top wine selections picked by Business Traveller



[Business Traveller](#) magazine recently held its annual airline wine awards and picked a line-up of winners through socially distanced judging process.

“This year the overall standard of wines submitted was very good. It looks like airlines are trying especially hard to get passengers back on board with well chosen, delicious wines,” said Head Judge and Master of Wine Peter McCombie in the announcement of the winners.

The winning inflight wines have been revealed on the magazine's website and will be included in the April 2022 issue. The awards celebrate the best Business and First Class wines served by airlines last year.

The judges for the 2021 awards were: Masters of Wine Peter McCombie (Head Judge), Sarah Abbott and Sam Caporn and winemaker John Worontschak.

This year, Singapore Airlines claimed six gold awards, including wines for Best Overall Cellar, Best Business Class Cellar and Best First Class Cellar. Along with Singapore Airlines, winners in First Class were Qatar Airways and Korean Air. In Business Class, winners were Eva Air, LATAM, JetBlue, Singapore Airlines and TAP Air Portugal.

Business Traveller contacted airlines in late summer 2021. Blind tastings took place in line with the government’s social distancing regulations, with the four judges tasting each wine and independently scoring the wines.

This year there was no awards evening this year due to the ongoing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

OVERALL CELLAR

Gold: Singapore Airlines

Silver: Qatar Airways

Bronze: British Airways



First Class winners group

FIRST CLASS

Best First Class Sparkling

Gold Medal: Korean Air – Champagne Perrier Jouet Belle Epoque 2012, France

Silver Medal Joint: Qatar Airways and Singapore Airlines – Champagne Krug, Vintage 2004, France

Bronze Medal: British Airways – Champagne Laurent Perrier Grand Siecle NV, France

Best First Class White

Gold Medal: Singapore Airlines – Domaine de Montille Puligny-Montrachet 1er Cru “Les Chalumeaux” 2017, France

Silver Medal: Qatar Airways – [Grosset Piccadilly Chardonnay 2020](#), Adelaide Hills, Australia
Bronze Medal: Qatar Airways – [Domaine Louis Latour Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru](#) 2015, Burgundy, France
Highly Commended: Singapore Airlines – Benjamine Leroux Meursault 1er Cru "Genevrières" 2017, Burgundy, France

Best First Class Red

Gold Medal: Singapore Airlines – Clonakilla O’Riada Shiraz 2015, Canberra District, Australia
Silver Medal: Oman Air – Wolf Blass Gold label Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Australia
Bronze Medal: British Airways – Château Cap de Mourlin Grand Cru Classe Saint Emilion 2012, Bordeaux, France

Best First Class Fortified

Gold Medal: Korean Air – Château Rieussec Sauternes 2013, Bordeaux, France
Silver Medal: Singapore Airlines – [Graham’s 20 year old Tawney Port](#) NV, Douro, Portugal
Bronze Medal: Qatar Airways – [Klein Constantia Vin de Constance 2015](#), South Africa

Best First Class Rosé

Gold Medal: Qatar Airways – Domaines Ott Château Romassin Bandol 2020. Provence. Côtes De Provence, France

FIRST CLASS CELLAR

Gold: Singapore Airlines

Silver: Qatar Airways

Bronze: Korean Air



Business Class winners group

BUSINESS CLASS

Best Business Class Sparkling

Gold Medal: Eva Air - Champagne Castelnaud Millésimé Brut 2006, France

Silver Medal: Oman Air and Cathay Pacific - [Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Cuvée Brut](#) NV, France

Bronze Medal: Singapore Airlines - Champagne Piper-Heidsieck Brut 2012, France

Highly Commended: Virgin Atlantic - [Hambledon NV](#), England

Best Business Class White

Gold Medal: Singapore Airlines - Giant Steps Chardonnay 2018, Australia

Silver Medal: Cathay Pacific - [Eroica Riesling](#) 2017, Columbia Valley, USA

Bronze Medal: Air Astana - L'Odalet Marsanne-Roussane pays d'oc 2020, Languedoc, France

Bronze Medal: JetBlue - Presqu'île Santa Barbara County Chardonnay 2019, USA

Best Business Class Red

Gold Medal: LATAM Airlines Group – Pangea 2014, Apalta, Colchagua Valley, Chile
Silver Medal: Singapore Airlines – Lionheart of the Barossa 2017, Australia
Bronze Medal: Oman Air – [Penfolds Max Shiraz Cabernet](#) 2019, Australia

Best Business Class Rosé

Gold Medal: JetBlue – Triennes Rosé 2020, France

Best Business Class Fortified

Gold Medal: TAP Air Portugal - Graham's 10 years old Tawney Port, Douro, Portugal

Silver Medal: Cathay Pacific - Graham's LBV Port 2014, Douro, Portugal

Silver Medal: Singapore Airlines - Morris Classic Liqueur Muscat NV, Australia

BUSINESS CLASS CELLAR

Gold: Singapore Airlines

Silver: Oman Air

Bronze: Cathay Pacific