Risette: Top Overall winner with Lisa Grech, DDG Managing Director and sponsors Global Payments, Malta Food Agency and VisitMalta and Continental Purchasing

Village Fork: Best Value for Money restaurant with representatives from J. Calleja Ltd for Rammo

25 years of The Definitive(ly) Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo – 2025 restaurants awards ceremony

Risette top survey rated Best Overall Restaurant in Malta Awards ceremony held on 9 December 2024

The Definitively Good Guide to Restaurants Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Malta Tourism Authority, Global Payments and The Malta Food Agency held its Annual Restaurant Awards Ceremony on Monday 9 December at The Xara Lodge. The awards celebrated the outstanding achievement of Malta and Gozo's top survey rated restaurants as voted by diners who participated in the Malta and Gozo Restaurant Survey online at www.restaurantsmalta.com in September. Based on diner voting, only 350 restaurants make it to be included here in the *The Definitively Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* and on its official portal www.restaurantsmalta.com.

Congratulations go to the team at Risette who were voted Top Overall restaurant for 2025.

Following an address by the Honourable Minister of Tourism Ian Borg the results were revealed by Lisa Grech Managing Director of The Definitively Good Guide Co and presented by Tanya Sultana for Malta Tourism Authority, Adrian Cachia from Global Payments, Jamie Cutajar and Brian Vella for Malta Food Agency and Mark Cluette of Continental Purchasing on behalf of Schonwald, Germany who supplied the beautiful commemorative award plates for the occasion.

This year's Malta and Gozo Restaurant

Tal-Familja: Best Maltese Food Restaurant sponsored by Visit Malta

Official commemorative plate presented to Malta & Gozo's top survey rated 40 restaurants on the evening

Survey conducted in September 2024 received a high number of responses, with 3,954 participants who frequent restaurants at least once a week, spend average one hour and take a week-night dinner at a cost of €31-€55 dining out once a year. The latest edition of the guide also 35 new restaurants to the *The Definitively Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta & Gozo* which was launched at the evening. The information in the guide is also included in an app, www.restaurantsmalta.com which was also launched on the evening.

The top 40 Award winning restaurants were taken from the highest rated restaurants taking into account their overall rating, the number of people rating, comments and other data from the survey. The top 40 restaurants received award plates to order from their chosen supplier:

- Risette
- de Vandlen
- Rabbit Hole
- Sale by Tarragon
- Da Luigi
- Grace's Kitchen
- Tal-Familja
- Stadium Bar & Restaurant
- Zafrani
- Tal-Familja
- Xarabanka
- Tal-Sciuri Kitchen
- Scale
- Verdala Wine & Dine
- Lunzjata Bistro

- Sicilia Sala
- Caro Gorgo
- Sunroof
- La Nor
- 1000 Lunzjata
- Step 5
- MEX
- Palazzo Preto
- Gusto Tavern
- Caviar & Bull
- Grotta
- Wenu
- Bardos
- Nirvana Mediterranean Tavern
- Catrina
- Adam
- Village Fork
- Country Terrace
- The Villa Rangan
- Mare Bar
- The Gift Gallery
- Ben Hayle
- Rosalia
- Gourmesa
- The Boathouse

Additional Awards in different categories were made:

- Best Food (sponsored by American Express) – Risette
- Best Ambience – de Vandlen
- Best Service (sponsored by Spiteri Catering) – Rosalia
- Restaurant Most Dedicated to Supporting Local, Best Local Fish Restaurant & Best Local Wine List (nominated by Malta Food Agency) – Verdala, Sale by Tarragon and Ai Sale respectively
- Best Restaurant in Gozo (sponsored by The Ministry for Gozo) – Ta' Frenc
- The Best Gift Award (sponsored by Prolook Agnelli represented exclusively by The Catering Centre) – Sheldon Scerri
- Best Newcomer (sponsored by Wenu) – Mediterra
- Restaurant most mentioned in survey (sponsored by Rosalia) – Ta' Tora
- Most children-friendly restaurant (sponsored by the Malta Baby & Kids Directory) – Ben Hayle
- Best Maltese restaurant (sponsored by Malta Tourism Authority) – Tal-Familja
- Restaurant most popular for business entertainment – Caviar & Bull
- Best value for money restaurant (sponsored by Rammo represented by J. Calleja Ltd) – The Art Gallery
- Favourite Cafe (sponsored by Bupadi represented by Nestlé Malta) – Busy Bee
- Most promising young chef of the year – Karl Farrugia
- Most promising F&B Maître d' of the year – Joel Bliss

The Definitively Good Guide to Restaurants in association with Mediterranean Supplies Co. Ltd Wine Awards were as follows:

- The People's Choice Wine List (taken from the results of the survey) – Caviar & Bull
- Best Overall Wine List: 1000
- Best Presented & Designed Wine List: Portofino's
- Best Champagne Wine List: 1000
- Best Italian Selection Wine List: Lunzjata
- Best Port Wine List: Country Terrace

The results of the Restaurant Survey can be found in the 2025 edition of The Definitively Good Guide to Restaurants in Malta and Gozo which is now available on Amazon online for €5 or www.restaurantsmalta.com. It is also available at leading newsagents and bookshops in Malta and Gozo.