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Ask the Wine Experts at MENU Pte. Ltd.

Singapore, 21 April 2008 – The Menu Group is one of Singapore's leading restaurant owners on a track of expansion. With three concepts and six restaurants total, Brewerkz Restaurants and Microbreweries, Cafe Iguana and Wine Garage are sweeping up numerous awards and recognition for their signature beers, margaritas and wine. With the Court of Sommeliers making a special trip to Singapore this past month, Menu Pte. Ltd. has taken wine education to the next level, holding the title for the only restaurant in all of Asia to employee three Certified Sommeliers and 14 Basic Certificate Holders.

These certifications are from the prestigious Court of Sommeliers, which boasts a rigorous certification programme. Participants go through four levels (Introductory Sommelier, Certified Sommelier, Advanced Sommelier and Master Sommelier). There are only 158 Master Sommeliers in the world since this certification began in the United Kingdom in 1969.

Treys Ladrido, the Beverage Director for Menu Pte. Ltd, shows pride in her involvement with these individuals and their accomplishments. "The Court of Master Sommeliers is a worldwide respected organization. To pass the rigorous exams, individuals have to spend hours of professional and personal time learning about the various regions and techniques used in making wine, beer, and spirits. It is just as much a personal commitment as it is a professional commitment and once an individual starts down this path opportunity for professional growth abounds", said Treys.

Travis Masiero, General Manager and Executive Chef of Wine Garage, and Bala Pasupathi, Lead Sommelier of Wine Garage, are two of the three individuals that received second level certifications. With over 600 labels of wine, the continuance of education to reach levels of certified sommeliers is of high importance to the staff and their managers.

"Each person with our organization who has volunteered to take the exams offered by the Court of Master Sommeliers is a testament of the Singapore hospitality industry's commitment to become a well-deserving international food and beverage destination. I am honored not only to work so closely with a staff of highly committed Singaporeans, but I am equally as honored to work with a forward-thinking organization such as Menu Pte. Ltd.: an organization that continually invests in Singaporeans and is dedicated to raising the service standards of the Asian hospitality industry as a whole", boasts Treys Ladrido.

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WineGarage is part of MENU Food & Drinks Group which also owns Brewerkz Restaurants & Microbreweries and Café Iguana.

WineGarage operating hours are:

Mon – Thurs	12pm – 12am
Fri & PH	12pm – 1am
Saturday	11am – 1am
Sunday	11am – 12am

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