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Sake Sommelier Association (SSA)

International Sake Competition "SINGAPORE SAKE CHALLENGE 2024" announces award winning sake

The Sake Sommelier Association is thrilled to announce the results of the *Singapore Sake Challenge 2024*, held on 6th October 2024. Launched last year as the very first *Sake Challenge* in Asia, the *Singapore Sake Challenge* celebrated a triumphant return in its second year. Jointly organised by the UK-based Sake Sommelier Association (SSA) and Life & Liquor Pte., the competition focused on showcasing how sake can cater to local tastes, creating an ideal opportunity to introduce high-quality sake to the people in Singapore.

The panel of 33 judges from Singapore's food and beverage industry was led by Mr Joshua Kalinan as the co-chief judge. Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards were decided based on comprehensive assessments of each entry based on colour, lustre, aroma, flavour profile, balance, and harmony with local cuisine.

Mr Kalinan holds the *Master Sake Sommelier* title, the highest qualification offered by the Sake Sommelier Academy. A former *Sake Sommelier of the Year* - a prestigious award given to those who have made substantial contributions to the sake industry - he has worked tirelessly to educate and promote sake from his base in Singapore.

This year, a special new award, the "Singapore Best Award," was introduced. This exclusive award is given only to brands that have achieved consecutive wins at the competition. We believe that recognising the brand's continuous success in Singapore helps to solidify its presence in the local market.

We hope these awards will help to promote the winning brands, spreading the excellence of sake worldwide. We extend our heartfelt thanks to sake breweries and everyone who contributed to the success of the *Singapore Sake Challenge*.

The full list of award winners can be viewed here:

<https://singaporesakechallenge.com/>

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