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Wellington hotel dining among the best

Executive Chef Steve Morris is living up to his reputation as the Godfather of Wellington Cuisine, this time bringing the sparkle back to hotel dining through his restaurant Bisque on Bolton – this week named Wellington's only hotel restaurant to be shortlisted in the *Cuisine* NZ Restaurant of the Year awards 2010.

The prestigious nationwide competition has tipped its hat to Morris' Bisque on Bolton which follows the likes of Gordon Ramsay's The Savoy, where the dining experience matches the five star hotel surroundings and puts to rest the lackluster memories of hotel dining, when service was short and the food an after-thought.

"We are excited to have been singled out in the hotel dining market in Wellington and to be among a gang of worthy contenders," said Morris.

"The recognition is great because everything we do is five star, and being linked to a five star hotel means we constantly have to lift our game."

As part of the Awards, the 'dining with the stars' fixed-price menu will be available at Bisque on Bolton for the month of July in association with Villa Maria wines. Morris will treat guests to a two course flavour hit of duck confit and poached fish for just \$50.

A two-time-chef of the year award winner, Morris is a pedantic perfectionist, committed to raising the standard not only in his kitchen but in the industry as a whole.

Recently called 'a local hero' by Cuisine Magazine's David Burton, Morris' passion for good ingredients and exquisite flavours is peppered throughout gourmet kitchens worldwide. Having trained some of New-Zealand's most celebrated chefs, Steve is known as an impeccable cook in his own right and is yet to receive a negative review.

The winners of the *Cuisine* NZ Restaurant of the Year 2010 Awards will be announced on 16 August at an exclusive event for the restaurant industry in Auckland. The awards will be profiled in the September issue of *Cuisine*, on sale from 19 August.

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