

JAN KONETZKI | DIRECTOR OF WINE | SOMMELIER AMBASSADOR

Jan Konetzki was born in 1980 in Lüneburg, Northern Germany. In the course of training as a baker, bartender and waiter Jan hit upon his enduring passion for wine and fine cuisine. He also discovered the rare talent for the art of the sommelier, a talent soon to be spotted by some of the greatest restaurateurs of our time. In his mid twenties then, Jan started a stunning career in several Michelin star restaurants, quickly culminating in the position as head sommelier at **Restaurant Gordon Ramsay** (Royal Hospital Road, London). Today he is celebrated as one of the world's most inspiring and exceptional sommeliers.

During his restaurant career, Jan's focus has always been on both, excellency in service and expertise on wine. Balancing zeitgeist with tradition he enhanced the guest experience beyond the limits of conventional service and his distinguished selection of wines for Gordon Ramsay was recognized frequently as one of London's finest by the critics. He also initiated a radical redesign of the wine list by the renowned **ballmannweber** agency, leading to an unprecedented quality in layout and practical use.

In 2016 Jan embarked upon a new chapter of his career. Appointed to the position of **Château Latour and Artemis Domains** Ambassador and Director of Wine at Four Seasons' **Ten Trinity Square** Gentlemen's Club and Hotel, London, he now manages all wine affairs of this extraordinary new venue. It lies within his duties to supervise the work of several highly skilled sommelier teams, including the provision of all wine services at Anne Sophie Pic's first UK restaurant **La Dame de Pic**. At Ten Trinity Square Jan is currently building some of the most exquisite wine collections in the country. Due to his expertise and esprit, it has already been heralded as one of the most exciting wine spots in the UK.

AWARDS

2016 short-listed 'Best Sommelier of the year' by British GQ magazine | 2015 short-listed 'Restaurant Personality of The Year' by Imbibe magazine
2013 Harpers 'Best Sommelier/front of house award' | 2012 Winner of 'Moet UK Sommelier of the year'
2009 'Riedel trophy' for best result in Europe of Court of Master Sommeliers Advanced Certificate

2015 'Best wine list of the year – Sommelier award' by Imbibe magazine | 2015 'Three stars' by The World of Fine Wines magazine
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On the judging panel for 2015, 2016 Decanter World Wine Awards | 2013 - 2017 UK Sommelier of the year | 2014, 2015 Sommelier wine awards

FEATURED IN

Evening Standard, UK | FT, UK | HotDinners.com | How to Spend It, UK | Decanter, UK | GQ, UK | The Caterer, UK
Restaurant Magazine, UK | Telegraph, UK | Imbibe magazine, UK | The drinks business, UK | BBC 4, UK
Feinschmecker, Germany | Manager Magazine, Germany | Tweed, Germany | Falstaff, Austria
100points magazine by Robert Parker, USA/Asia | Pinor Sommelier Magazine, Asia | Sommeliers international, France