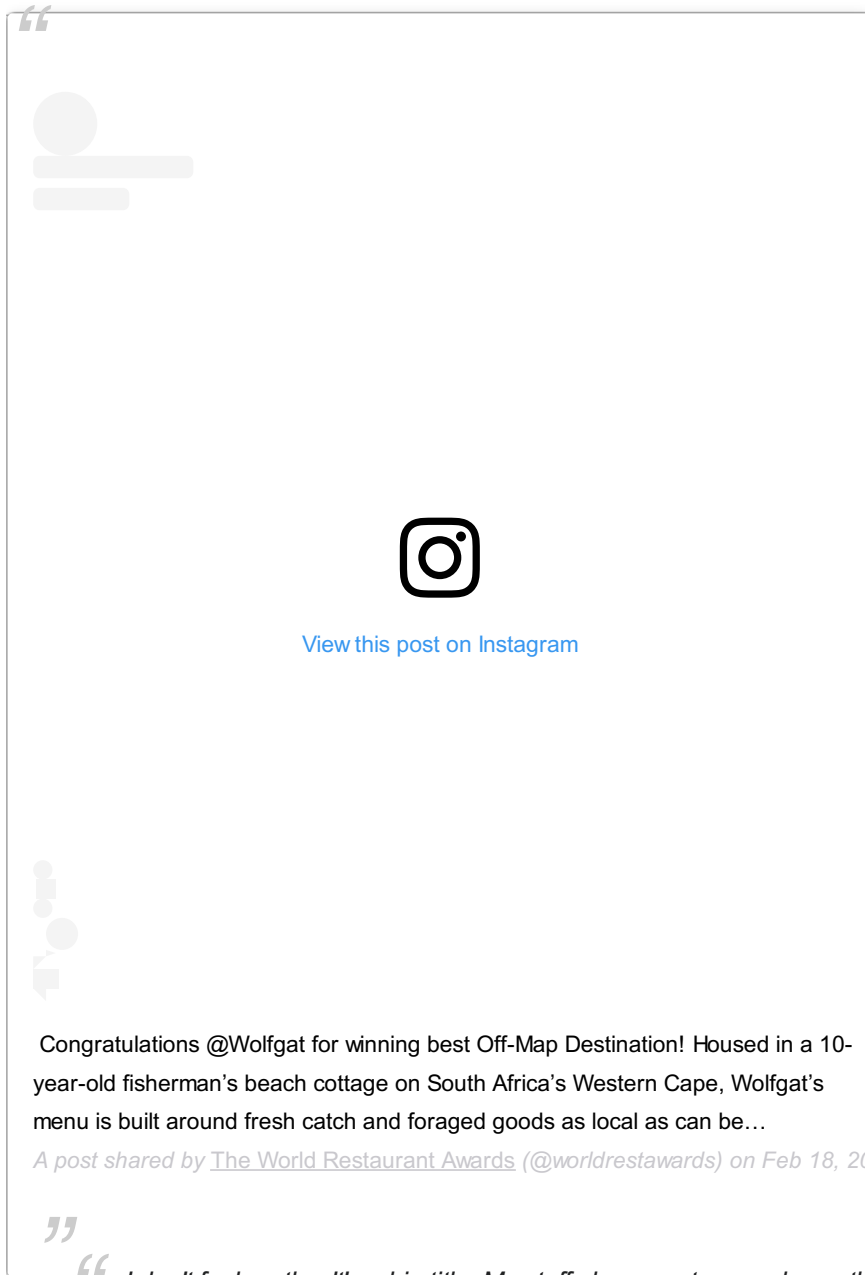


Wolfgat crowned Best Restaurant of the Year at World Restaurant Awards

#NEWSWATCH: Paternoster-based restaurant [Wolfgat](#) was named The Best Restaurant of the Year at the inaugural [World Restaurant Awards](#), which was held in Paris on 18 February 2019. The restaurant also received the Off-Map Destination Award.

The awards were created, by leading entertainment industry company IMG, to “celebrate restaurants as culture, considered in the same way as film, art and music. That means relevant/progressive categories judged with robust integrity by an expert panel in an attempt to better reflect the true range and diversity of the international restaurant scene.”



I don't feel worthy. It's a big title. My staff who go out every day gathering herbs, succulents and dune spinach, should be here. It's their baby. I can't wait to celebrate with them with a big glass of South African sparkling wine, said Chef Kobus van der Merwe, who was in attendance to accept the award.

Chef Van der Merwe strives to utilise seasonal and indigenous ingredients unique to the coastal area the restaurant

resides. The restaurant's "signature Strandveld food menu comprises a series of tasting dishes presented in seven courses – which features sustainable seafood, local lamb and venison and seasonal *veldkos* enhanced by wild herbs, seaweeds from the local rock pools and pickings from the garden."

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"I'm really proud to bring something like this back to our continent and beautiful country. I'm very proud to be working in a team of mostly women." Our inaugural Restaurant of the Year is a small, remote haven of purity and good taste in every sense. It's @Wolfgat!

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