

## **Otto Wagner Restaurant At Kristiania Lech Receives First Wine Spectator Award**

*The restaurant belonging to this Austrian Alps historic hotel provides excellent cuisine in the truest sense of the word. The exquisite make-up of the menu is true to the highest international standards and is accompanied by a very special wine list.*

**Aug. 6, 2010 - [PRLog](#)** -- Lech, Austria – One of the most renowned and picturesque ski resorts on the map, Lech is a favorite ski escape for the affluent because of its traditional Austrian alpine charm, 11 gourmet restaurants, its famous steeps and a link-lift to the five villages that make up the Arlberg region.

Continuing to make its mark as one of the Arlberg's most notable dining destinations, Otto Wagner Restaurant at the Kristiania Lech has received a 2010 "Award of Excellence" from Wine Spectator, America's leading wine appreciation magazine. Otto Wagner is only one of three restaurants in the mountainous region known as the birthplace of Alpine skiing to be honored with this award.

"Wine, like food, is an art. It takes time to create an award-winning wine list," said Kristiania Lech Sommelier Sabine Ebner, who oversees the award-winning wine cellar and serves an increasingly discerning clientele.

The Kristiana Lech team constantly tastes, evaluates, compares, teaches and learns. "Our wine menu continues to evolve." says Ebner, "With the hotel's strong commitment to sustainability, we are featuring more Austrian and organic wines. "We take great pride in creating a wine selection that enhances the superior quality of our food and service and the splendor of our surroundings.

Otto Wagner offers a selection of over 7,000 bottles representing 466 selections with a strong emphasis on French and Australian wines, complimented by offerings from around the globe including Austria, Italy, Chile and the United States.

A dining experience made even more special by the awesome natural beauty of the Alps, Otto Wagner was also awarded a two-toque rating by the leading restaurant guide Gault-Millau. The restaurant is home to full-flavored delights courtesy of Executive Chef Alexander Sowinetz. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Otto Wagner is one of the most popular restaurants in Lech enjoyed by locals and frequent visitors. The menu is designed around the freshest and most intriguing locally-grown ingredients.

Each season the Kristiania Lech participates in LöffelWeise, a gourmet festival established in the Arlberg. This season, the Kristiania Lech will host Chef Geert van Hecke of De Karmeliet Brügge and Dominique Lafon, winemaker and manager of his family's estate, Domaine des Comtes Lafon, in Meursault on January 6, 2011. Unique wine events regularly take place at the Kristiania Lech. To learn more, visit the Events Calendar at <http://www.kristiania.at/en/24/events.aspx>.

Lech is recognized as one of the world's greatest ski resorts and a snowy playground of Europe's rich and famous. Renowned for its five-month guaranteed snow season, glamour and quality skiing, the Kristiania Lech, facing the Schlegelkopf ski slope in Lech am Arlberg, is open from late-November well into the spring.

Lech's only Small Luxury Hotel of the World and Virtuoso property, the Kristiania Lech blends the virtues of a private home with the personalized service and amenities of a grand hotel.

For more information about the Kristiania Lech or to reserve a room, visit the hotel at

<http://www.kristiania.at>.

#### About Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator is a lifestyle magazine that focuses on wine and wine culture. It publishes 15 issues per year with content that includes news, articles, profiles, and general entertainment pieces. Each issue also includes from 400 to more than 1,000 wine reviews, which consist of wine ratings and tasting notes.

#### About Kristiania Lech

The Kristiania Lech is a traditional ski chalet on the exterior, but the interior reveals a renowned contemporary art collection and individually designed rooms focused on the artwork. Othmar and Imgard Schneider opened the boutique property in 1968, and it has always felt more like a private residence than a hotel. It features 29 unique guestrooms and suites, gourmet cuisine and genuine Austrian hospitality. Exclusive luxury is delivered with amenities including the ski butler, limousine airport transfers, bath butler, massage room, apple strudel after skiing, hot water bottles in the rooms, down comforters, and an extensive selection of fine Austrian Schnapps. Kristiania Lech is a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World, as well as the Virtuoso group of select properties. It is located on the edge of the village of Lech in Austria's Arlberg Region, renowned for skiing with 171 miles of groomed trails descending to seven nearby towns connected by shuttle buses.

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