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2011 Readers' Choice Awards

★ Best Chef ★

Willy Trullas Moreno

2011 will go down as the year of the chef. Several longtime Shanghai chefs got the chance to run their own show this year and, judging by how the voting went, they've all found success. This was one of this year's most tightly contested categories, with a spate of those rookies jumbled up respectably in the middle of the pack. In the end, Willy won out by just two votes. His trendy eatery is a go-to spot in town, and his quirky outfits, premium paellas and inventive tapas have made him a staple on the scene. How many other chefs in town are known by just one name? Paul Pairet follows in the Honorable Mention spot (with some long-awaited plans to open his ultra-fine-dining spot Ultraviolet), while chef Brad Turley gets an EP for his work this year: Goga just wouldn't be Goga without the combination of kitchen skills, creativity and

Honorable Mention: Paul Pairet
Editor's Pick: Brad Turley



★ Best Steakhouse ★

Morton's Steakhouse

Steakhouses have been popping up all over Shanghai recently, but this newly opened, old-school steakhouse chain from Chicago absolutely dominated this category, raking in more than twice as many votes as its closest competitor. As meat-loving website user *american* puts it, "Expensive but worth every RMB—you absolutely get what you pay for. The salads, sides and steaks are, as you would

expect, amazing. The attention to detail is wonderful and the staff treats you like royalty, respectfully calling you by your last name and even printing personalized best wishes on the menus." JW's California Grill and longtime favorite Roosevelt Prime repeat in their spots from last year.

Honorable Mention:
JW's California Grill
Editor's Pick:
Roosevelt Prime Steakhouse



Best Contemporary Chinese

Lost Heaven Yunnan Folk Cuisine

The voting was conclusive: nothing beats Lost Heaven, which got three-and-a-half times as many votes as its nearest competitor. Its Bund-side location is a great place to take guests, and their original spot hidden in the former French Concession has long been a favorite among Shanghailanders. User *bevin* keeps it short, but sweet: "Excellent dining experience. We were there on a Monday night and the restaurant was packed. Food and service was flawless."

Honorable Mention:
LYNN Modern Shanghai Cuisine
Editor's Pick:
Xindalu China Kitchen

2011 Readers' Choice Awards



★ Best French ★

Mr & Mrs Bund

Mr & Mrs Bund has become such a staple on the scene that it's hard to believe that it's only been around since 2009. This year it easily took down two challengers run by chefs with bigger international profiles and Michelin stars in their pocket. Paul Pairet's Bund-side spot is a testament to just how good Shanghai's dining scene is getting.

Honorable Mention:

La Table by Maison Pourcel

Editor's Pick: Jean Georges

★ Best American ★

Boxing Cat Brewery

Last year's runner-up is this year's winner. Boxing Cat Brewery just opened a new branch at Sinan Mansions last fall and will be celebrating the second anniversary of its original Fuxing Lu location with a barbecue of bacchanalic proportions on July 2. Element Fresh, last year's winner, takes this

year's Honorable Mention award, giving it a total of three prizes this year. And our Editor's Pick goes to Madison, where chef Austin Hu's opulent Sunday Suppers (p. 43) often leave us in food comas with visions of mac and cheese and crème brûlée dancing in our heads.

Honorable Mention: Element Fresh

Editor's Pick: Madison

★ Best Southeast Asian ★

Simply Thai

This chain won this category for the third year in a row. In the words of user *shfoodist*, "Simply Thai has become a Shanghai institution." We couldn't agree more. Each location offers something different, from Xintiandi's dessert buffet to Dongping Lu's tree-enclosed back patio to the family-friendly Jinqiao venue. But all offer the same quality Thai favorites, including a great, spicy tom yum soup.

Honorable Mention: Pho Real

Editor's Pick: Coconut Paradise



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Mr & Mrs Bund

In the two years that it's been open, Mr & Mrs Bund has won five awards—two Best French, one Best Newcomer, one Best Restaurant runner-up and now, finally, it's taken home the big prize as Restaurant of the Year. User *american* sums up nicely. "After reading so many rave reviews I had to see for myself ... and fantastic it was! The lobster steamed in a glass jar: amazing! Oysters: perfect! By far the tastiest dish we sampled were the signature frog legs. Wow. Combine all this with lots of great wine, attentive service and a nice outdoor patio section and WOW. All the previous positive reviews are totally warranted. We'll be heading back for more, soon! Now officially one of my (if not THE) favorite restaurants in Shanghai."

Honorable Mention: el Willy

Honorable Mention: Simply Thai

Editor's Pick: Goga

Editor's Pick: The House of Roosevelt