

THE NAI HARN PHUKET

THE NAI HARN HOSTS PHUKET'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS WINE EVENT AS JAMES SUCKLING'S ASIAN TOUR CONCLUDES WITH SUNSET TASTING SESSION

Exclusive 'Great Wines of Italy' event gathers world-class winemakers to resort's stunning Reflections Rooftop Terrace



Wine critic James Suckling and Frank Grassmann, General Manager of THE NAI HARN Phuket, celebrate with representatives from some Italy's finest wineries.

PHUKET, THAILAND, 16 December 2017 – The Nai Harn Phuket recently hosted the 'Great Wines of Italy' tasting event, as part of the annual Grand Asian Tasting Tour by Asia's leading wine critic, James Suckling.

This exclusive occasion took place on Saturday 9th December 2017 at the iconic luxury resort overlooking the Andaman Sea. Amid the idyllic surroundings of the resort's Reflections Rooftop Terrace, Mr Suckling introduced guests to a selection of Italy's finest wines, which were sampled as the sun set over the ocean.

The Phuket event formed part of James Suckling's Asian road show, which also included dates in Beijing, Hong Kong and Bangkok. These popular tasting evenings showcased an extensive array of Italy's leading vintages from more than 80 prestigious wine-makers, all hand-selected by Mr Suckling himself.

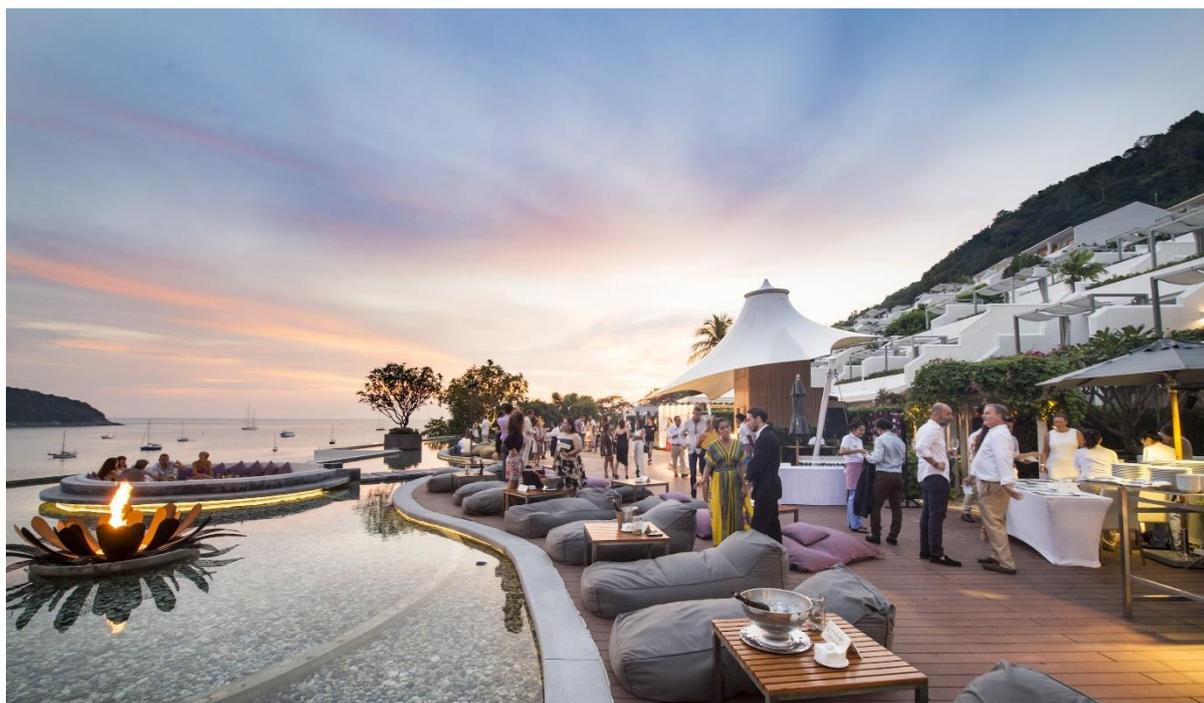
“Our rooftop event at The Nai Harn was a truly memorable occasion and the perfect way to

complete the 'Great Wines of Italy' Asian tasting tour," Mr Suckling said.

"The Nai Harn is a stunning resort which places a great emphasis on the quality of its food and wine. Having had the pleasure of working with Frank Grassmann, the general manager here, to curate the resort's wine list, it is great to return once again for this unique gastronomic event."

"Phuket's culinary scene is becoming very refined, and resorts like The Nai Harn have been instrumental in raising the bar for food and drink on the island. I can think of no better place to culminate our Asian tour than at the spectacular Reflections Rooftop Terrace," Mr Suckling added.

The Phuket tasting event was a "limited edition" event with just 32 select wineries showcasing their products for trade and consumer guests to savour. The event also offered a rare opportunity for guests to meet the some of the producers and learn more about their vintages.



Guests enjoy a stunning sunset at the start of the Great Wines of Italy event at REFLECTIONS Rooftop.

Frank Grassmann, General Manager at The Nai Harn Phuket, commented: "We are delighted to host such a prestigious event at The Nai Harn Phuket as we deepen our relationship with Asia's top wine critic, James Suckling. It is always a pleasure to welcome James Suckling and world-class wine-makers to The Nai Harn. I am confident that this event will help establish our resort's place on the gourmet map, not only in Phuket but in all of Asia."

Italy is one of the world's oldest and largest wine-producing countries, with vineyards located in almost every part of the country. This gives Italy a wonderfully diverse selection of wines, and its so-called "Super Tuscans" such as Chianti are among the most highly rated vintage in the world.

James Suckling has more than three decades of experience as a journalist and a wine critic. A US national who resides in Hong Kong, he also runs the influential website www.jamessuckling.com and he has been described by Forbes Magazine as "one of the world's most powerful wine critics". James passionately believes that high quality Italian wines go well with spicy Thai food. Dispelling the traditional belief that only white wines, such as Alsatian Gewürztraminer, pair best with complex Thai flavours, James instead recommends top-notch red wines such as a Barolo or Brunello to complement Thai food.

All of the wines selected by Mr Suckling for the Great Wines of Italy Asian tasting tour have achieved a score of at least 90 points on his 100-point scale, which is widely used by the

hospitality industry as a benchmark for quality.

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About THE NAI HARN

THE NAI HARN offers the perfect blend of romance, adventure, indulgence and a genuine sense of heritage, perched above Thailand's best beach*, ranged along a lush hillside at the southern tip of Phuket. The hotel offers dress circle seats to the greatest shown on earth – the spectacle of an Andaman sunset set against the dramatic promontory of Cape Promthep, best viewed from the four-poster day bed on your private 40sq m terrace, or from the re-born Rooftop Deck at our bucket list-worthy daily Magic Hour and Sunset Salutation Ritual. Phuket's only hotel with a real sense of history has hosted luminaries from royals to heads of state to stars of stage and screen – where else but at THE NAI HARN can you take a luxury speedboat island hopping to James Bond Island ... while staying in the suite occupied by Roger Moore or Christopher Lee during filming of The Man with the Golden Gun? Offering guest rooms at least as capacious as the generous terraces and suites best described as sublime, THE NAI HARN has been completely redesigned to maximize its exceptional vistas. Minimally elegant with lavish touches and 'ah' moments, this comprehensive reimagining of Phuket's first luxury resort infuses contemporary style with a Southern Thai aesthetic, setting the scene for destination experiences informed by authenticity and local knowledge, new adventures on roads less travelled, and culinary experiences that define excellence. www.thenaiharn.com
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