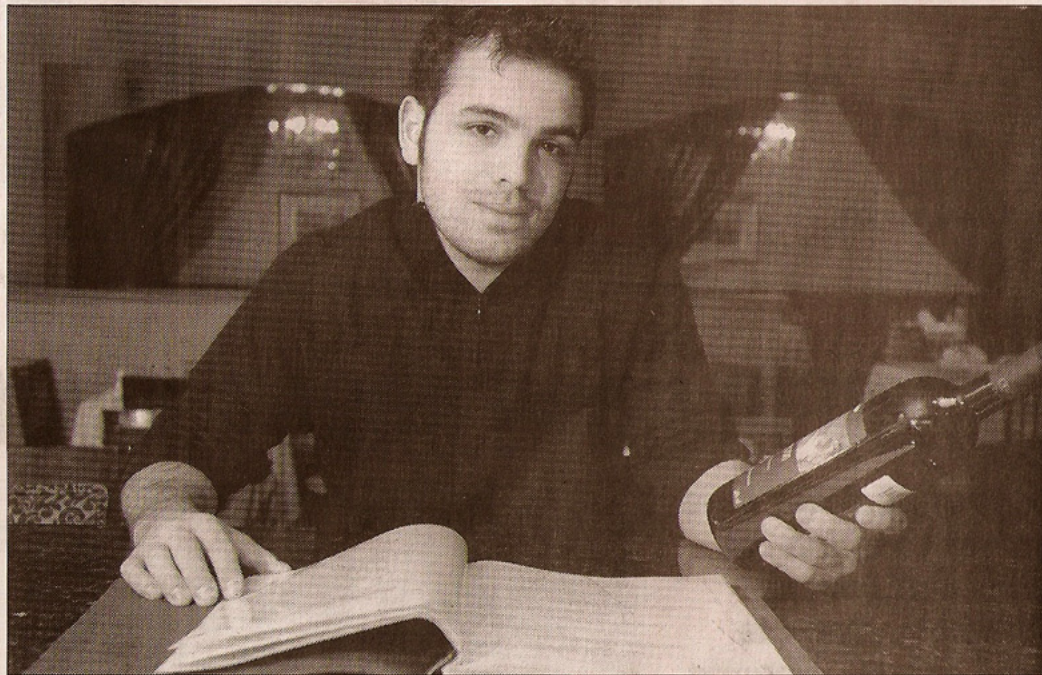


Now, this is a wine list



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La Bussola restaurant in Kelowna won best overall wine list honours at the British Columbia Wine List Awards for its extensive, 758-wine menu. Pictured is Luigi Coccaro, the restaurant's wine director.

With 758 wines on a menu divided into new world, old world, country, region, red, white, and price, La Bussola restaurant has won the Fall Okanagan Wine Festival best overall wine list award.

"We've tried to make the list extensive without being overwhelming," said La Bussola wine director Luigi Coccaro, the son of founders, owners and chefs, Franco and Laretta Coccaro.

For those who don't want to deal with the 30-page wine list book that has a table of contents, there's one page of sommelier's suggestions of 16 popular red and 15 popular whites priced from \$8.95 a glass and \$38 a bottle.

"We've also put an emphasis on hard-to-find wines such as Mission Hill's Oculus (Westbank) and Black Hill's Nota Bene (Oliver) and lots from Italy because that's where my mom and dad are from," said Coccaro.

The British Columbia Wine List Awards are sponsored every other year by the festivals society, B.C. Wine Museum and B.C. Restaurant and Foodservices Association.

There were gold, silver and bronze winners in five categories.

The other Okanagan winners include Cobblestones Wine Bar at the Naramata Heritage Inn (gold, best all-B.C. wine list and best over-all wine list) and the Hotel Eldorado in Kelowna (bronze, best B.C. wines by-the-glass list).