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Pädaste Manor - Best Restaurant in Estonia 2011

Restaurant Alexander brings title of Estonia's best restaurant to Muhu Island for the second year in a row.

Exactly a month after the S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best restaurants were announced, Restaurant Alexander at Pädaste Manor rose on top of the competition as Estonia's best restaurant for the second time in the events four-year history.

Foreign food critics, together with top culinary specialists and restaurateurs from various Estonian restaurants formed the committee to judge a selection of restaurants and determine this years' ranking. Although this year only six restaurants instead of the ten of the previous year made it to the list, those can be considered truly very fine.

Aivar Hanson, who chairs the annual election of best Estonian restaurants, commented that although the judges worked independently on their evaluations, the results were practically identical – placing Pädaste Manor's Alexander at the top of the list.

Chef **Peeter Pihel** says that one of the keys for success is without doubt the thorough research of the Nordic Islands' Cuisine and the dedication to very familiar, yet thoroughly original flavors, which the islands have to offer. "We have been true to the local ingredients throughout the years and sharpened our focus and it has paid off," said Peeter Pihel.

Hotelier and restaurateur of Pädaste Manor, **Martin Breuer**, is ambitious to keep raising the level of the indigenous gastronomic experience; understanding the importance of further improving his restaurant by sharing knowledge and encouraging close co-operation with producers on the Baltic Islands. He says, "the success of Pädaste is proof of the fact that fine dining experiences can be offered not only in larger cities, but maybe even better so in rural areas that are close to the nature that provides us with best ingredients. This should also encourage others outside Tallinn willing to put dedication and passion behind it", said Breuer.

To view some of the experiences gathered during Pädaste Manors' expedition in search of the Nordic Islands' Cuisine please see the <u>expedition weblog</u>

Alexander at Pädaste Manor, winner of Fine Dining category of this year's selection of Best Estonian Restaurants was also awarded the title of 'Best restaurant in Estonia'. In second place is restaurant 'Tschaikovsky' in Tallinn, Restaurant 'Bordoo' in Tallinn was awarded third place.

About Pädaste Manor

Pädaste Manor on the island of Muhu in Estonia is an island escape with picturesque views over the Baltic, set in totally unspoiled nature. It is the home of Nordic Islands' cuisine and also recognized for its natural spa treatments. Pädaste was the first Baltic hotel to be accepted into the prestigious collection of Small Luxury Hotels of the World.

Pädaste Manor offers ultimate understated luxury and sophistication, but above all it offers the ambience, the charm and the service expertise which can only be found in a privately owned and managed hotel.

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Restaurant Alexander Chef de Cuisine Peeter Pihel



Restaurant Alexander at Pädaste Manor on Muhu Island was once again named Best Restaurant in Estonia.