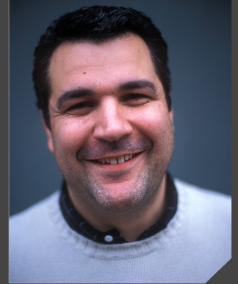


William Wouters (BE)

Pazzo Restaurant & Wine Bar

June 18th



William Wouters is part of the 5th generation of luxury restaurants and cafes in Antwerp. He is the owner of "Pazzo Restaurant & Wine Bar", known for its wine list, which won the Excellence Award in 2006 by the prestigious Wine Spectator.

His passion for wines grew when he was a teenager and visited the Provence and discovered the Chateau Rayas' vineyards. Marveled by what he saw, William decided to join Ter Duinen Koksijed Catering School, where he graduated in 1983.

William participated in many competitions, one can highlight Best Sommelier of Belgium 1992; First Sommelier of Belgium 1993; Semi-finalist Best Sommelier of Europe 1992/1994/1998; Semi-finalist Best Sommelier of the World 1995/1998.

Since 1997 Wouters is a member of the Mad Wine Waiters of the Word Club, and since 2004 is the President of the Belgium Sommeliers Association. He also collaborates frequently with *Ambiance Culinnaire Magazine*. He was head chef of the national Belgian football team during the World Cup 2014, in Brazil.

In 2014 William Wouters was awarded as the "Belgian Wine Personality of the Year". However, when he married Filipa Pato, together they decided to live in Portugal, where they started "Vinhos Doidos" - a fun and original project that allies Bairrada's traditions (autochthonous varieties, old vines, etc.) with a modern concept of relaxed wines that are easy to drink.