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Divine Wine - The Pawn Wanchai-Hong Kong, by Anthony Arrigo



Divine Wine - Massimo Gavina, the newly installed General Manager of The Pawn in Wanchai, is most certainly the best thing to happen to the place since it opened! Massimo now having found his way back to the right side of Hong Kong after 24 months over at the dark side (i.e. Kowloon) is set to make his mark at this landmark establishment. There is no dark side to Massimo and his welcoming personality makes one feel more at home that just out on the town. Now more places in Hong Kong need more people like him to give places a dose of reality, lift their game and put some meaning to the term “Asia’s world city” that’s often over used to describe Hong Kong.

The Pawn is unique in Hong Kong as it’s located in a colonial building, being one of those rarely preserved venues and was in fact a old Pawn brokers shop, hence the name and established way back when in 1888. Originally with the shop front located at ground level and housing residential living on upper floors of this three story building. It is now lovingly restored and offering a comfy and stylish respite to some of Wanchai’s “other” bars.

Last night The Pawn held an inaugural wine tasting evening, instigated by Massimo the event both worked well and was a real treat. At the event where Mo, Tin and his lovely wife Gloria, George fresh off the plane from Prague joined later adding even more fun along the way. The “Tasting Menu” of wine and cocktails, featured both old and new world wines (French and Australian) The former being a simply delicious Sauvignon Blanc by Alain Brumont along with South Australian wines by The Lackey, additionally some nice Shiraz and Merlot as well. While these were served with limited “Tapas” the intention and thought behind the event was well received. It was

a good example of adding value to the guest experience while at the same time enhancing and building on loyalty. Top marks to Massimo and his team and looking forward to spending more time over that way in the coming weeks.

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