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Meet the
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Meet John Y. – a name to watch in the world of sommeliers. Born and bred in Malaysia, John spearheads the wine programme at The Starhill Dining, designing a dedicated wine list that complements both the modern and classic cuisines offered around the restaurants in The Starhill Dining. A veteran of the F&B industry, John has chalked up over three decades of experience to be the driving force behind The Cellar, steering the ship in perfecting the art of dish and wine marriage.

John's liquid enlightenment comes by way of his experience in a fine dining restaurant. It is then that he learnt the complexities of each bottle of wine and developed an aptitude and flair for pairing wine with food. It also ignited his curiosity in conveying the story that each bottle has to tell – the soil the grapes were grown in, the history of the winemaker, the vintage and the process of wine-making.

John is accredited by the Court of Master Sommeliers and holds a Southeast Asia Wine Pioneer Award by Wine For Asia, and also played a key role in establishing the innovative cocktail and wine list at the renowned Bar at The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur. He dipped his toes in Shook!'s beverage programme 15 years ago; and since then, his passion for exploring the complementary relationship between the evolving flavours of the ingredients in a food and the sophisticated tasting notes of wine has grown even further.

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John guards the city's most prestigious wine collection housed in The Cellar, including the Opus One - Napa Valley's swankiest wine, and an exclusive vertical collection of the largest and finest Château Mouton Rothschild of every consecutive vintage from 1945 to 2005.

If you know nothing about wine apart from the fact that you like drinking it; consider John your personal wine connoisseur, who can suggest not just the perfect food and wine combinations; but also give you advice on all things wine, from whether to decant to the connection between terroir and flavour.

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