

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**BAA-CK TO BAA-CK WIN: LAMB BURGER TOPS BURGER WELLINGTON COMPETITION, AS ONE80 TAKES THE TITLE FOR THE SECOND TIME**



*Caption: Burger Wellington winner Chetan Pangam of One80 Restaurant with his 2024 winning burger Nawabi Galouti - [link to hi-res images here](#).*

In New Zealand's fiercest culinary competition, One80 Restaurant has tantalised the taste buds of both Wellingtonians and judges to win Burger Wellington for the second year in a row.

One80's *Nawabi Galouti* lamb burger beat out almost 200 other burgers to take this year's title. Visa Wellington On a Plate Festival Manager, Beth Brash, says it is the first time in Burger Wellington's 15 year history that a restaurant has won the competition twice.

“ This is a huge achievement for One80 - not only to win Burger Wellington twice and in back-to-back years, but also to win in an incredibly tight race to the top. Our congratulations to Chetan and his team.”

*Nawabi Galouti* features a lamb patty, pulled lamb shoulder fillo cigar, lamb snow and chicory in a Clareville Bakery croissant bun.

Chef Chetan Pangam says that the burger was inspired by stories of the Awadhi Nawabs, who lived in Northern India in the 17th century and were known for smoking cigars, eating rich food, and having no teeth. According to legend, a Nawabi chef minced lamb meat 100 times with spices to create a 'toothless kebab' dish that didn't need to be chewed.

A panel of independent judges chose the winner from five finalists, with judges commenting that the lamb in *Nawabi Galouti* had an 'almost pâté-like texture that

was amazing to eat'. They also noted the effort that went into the winning burger, with one remarking that "the labour of love that the chef has put into this is so clear, it really shines through in every aspect of the dish that was considered very deeply".

Chef Chetan Pangam says that he started working on this year's winning burger right after he'd won the 2023 Burger Wellington title.

"The tremendous hours put in by me and the team have been so worthwhile - we've seen diners turn out in droves during the festival to try our burger," says Chetan.

"To not only win again but to do it twice in a row is surreal. It is truly a humbling experience and I'm just over the moon!".

This year thousands of burger lovers visited almost 200 venues participating in Burger Wellington during the Visa Wellington On a Plate festival, devouring an estimated 200,000 burgers over the three week competition. This annual celebration of the humble hamburger has spurred countless spreadsheets as devotees schedule how to rate and devour as many burgers as possible.

Burgers in the competition are matched with Garage Project beers and Garage Project co-Founder and Head Brewer Pete Gillespie worked with Chef Chetan Pangam to create Susegad, a custom brew that was part of the winning prize package for Burger Wellington 2023.

"Nawabi Galouti burger with Susegad Goan Spice Witbier was the perfect pairing," says Pete. "Pulling off a win two years in a row is an amazing achievement, especially given the incredible level of quality and creativity we've seen across the board in this competition. Congratulations to the team at One 80."

## **Full list of winners of Visa Wellington On a Plate 2024:**

Burger Wellington - overall winners and prizes

- **WINNER:** One80 Restaurant '[Nawabi Galouti](#)' - Prize includes \$1000 in Garage Project stock, \$500 Gilmours credit, free entry into Burger Wellington 2025
- **SECOND PLACE:** Zephyr Cafe '[A Frankenstein Adventure](#)' - Prize includes \$500 Garage Project stock, \$300 Gilmours credit
- **THIRD PLACE:** Sushil's Muscledchef Kitchen and Café '[Celebration of Spices](#)' - Prize includes \$200 Garage Project, \$200 Gilmours credit

Burger Wellington - Regional Winners:

- **Kapiti** - Hey Coastie [‘Cluckin’ Good Chilli Crisp’](#)
- **Porirua** - Sushil's Musclechef Kitchen and Café [‘Celebration of Spices’](#)
- **Hutt City** - Baylands Brewery [‘Stack Attack’](#)
- **Upper Hutt** - Keihei Chicken [‘Gimme A Coal’](#)
- **Wairarapa** - The White Swan Country Hotel [‘Fowl Play’](#)

#### Other Festival Awards

- **Best Use of Theme** (Burger) [A Frankenstein Adventure](#), Zephyr Cafe
- **Best Use of Theme** (Event) [Clay with your Food](#), Karla Marie Ceramics and Chef Ben Mac
- **Most Innovative** (Burger) [Construct-a-burg](#), The Inn Keeper
- **Most Innovative** (Event) [Maumahara](#), Kasey and Kārena Bird with Kitchen Takeover

In good news for Burger fans, One80 will be competing with itself in a Burger Off event that will allow customers to choose between their 2023 and 2024 Burger Wellington winning burgers. More information will be announced by One80 once they’ve recovered from their win.

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Images of the winners and finalists are available [here](#)

#### **Visa Wellington On a Plate by numbers:**

- More than 200,000 burgers were eaten over 21 days of Burger Wellington, averaging around 10,000 burgers each day.
- Johnsonville restaurant Wilson Barbecue beat a world record, selling 6,336 burgers in one day, on Saturday 31 August.
- Over \$730,000 of ticket sales to 75 Festival Events
- 12,200 beer lovers attended Beervana, spending more than \$1m at New Zealand’s biggest beer festival.
- More than 2.3 million Burger Wellington burgers have been devoured since it began in 2010.

### **About Visa Wellington On a Plate**

Visa Wellington On a Plate is the largest food and drink festival in the southern hemisphere. Festival goers can explore a curated programme of festival events, pop-ups, chef collaborations, and the hugely popular Burger Wellington. Created in 2009 to support Wellington's hospitality community during its quietest period, Visa Wellington On a Plate is now firmly established as a key event in the festival calendar with more than 200 venues participating each year. In 2024 Visa Wellington On a Plate ran from 1 - 31 August, with Burger Wellington on from 5 - 25 August.

[www.VisaWOAP.com](http://www.VisaWOAP.com)

### **About The Wellington Culinary Events Trust**

The Wellington Culinary Events Trust is a not-for-profit trust established in 2014 to run iconic culinary events including Visa Wellington On a Plate and Beervana.

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