

Seoul chef Eo Yun-gwon sues Michelin Guide for including his restaurant

Some chefs dream their whole lives of winning a **Michelin** star. But not Eo Yun-gwon.

The South Korean chef is reportedly **suing** Michelin for including his restaurant Ristorante Eo in their 2019 guide to Seoul, saying that he asked them not to.

Michelin 米其林

sue 控告

"I have **filed** a public insult criminal complaint against Michelin Guide's behavior of forcibly listing [restaurants] against their will and without a clear criteria, " he wrote on his Facebook page. In particular, Eo takes issue with the way that Michelin, which is legendarily **tight-lipped** about its process, judges restaurants.

file 提出

tight-lipped 守口如瓶的

According to Eo's Facebook page, he emailed Michelin asking them to remove his restaurant from the guide in all categories and demanded that they explain the rating criteria. He says he wrote in the email: "Numerous restaurants and the workers are wasting away their soul (money, time, and effort) to pursue the **mirage** that is Michelin star."

mirage 海市蜃楼

Michelin released its first Seoul restaurant guide in 2016. Their description of Ristorante Eo specifically cited the chef, stating that "each dish clearly demonstrates his insight into the integrity and simplicity of Italian cooking."

Although Eo's suit has already made news in the food world, South Korean criminal attorney Shin Ha-na says that the charges are unlikely to stick.

"There needs to be an insulting statement that would cut down one's social standing, " Shin explains to CNN. "Usually, there needs to be **curse** words. Since the guide didn't print **profanity**, I don't think the charges will stand."

curse 咒骂; 诅咒

profanity 亵渎; 侮辱