



FAST FOOD FETISH Home-cooked food that we've not had to cook ourselves? What's not to love? More Than a Mouthful's range is a great quick fix for time-poor taste nazis. Melbourne-based Italian cook Viv Bortot knows her stuff, from a great arabiata to the new Moroccan Fig Mazah – slather it on lamb. **Details, morethanamouthful.com.au.**



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY

Two of VE+T's fave spots are celebrating milestones. Jonah's, the stunning Relais & Châteaux retreat overlooking Whale Beach, has come along way since opening as a roadhouse 80 years ago; while Longrain has been a star of the Sydney dining scene for 10 glorious caramelised-pork-filled years. Hip, hip... jonahs.com.au; longrain.com.au.

CHOC ABSORBERS

If we told you how many Lindt Essence filled choccies the VE+T team has eaten, you wouldn't believe us. But they're so thin and smooth, they can't count. The four fab flavours: Milk and Dark with caramel, Dark with Mint and Dark with Raspberry. \$7.99 for a bag of 10.



your invitation

Join us and VE+T senior editor and *MasterChef* star Matt Preston for a series of lunches to celebrate the launch of his new book, *Cravat-a-licious*



Meet Matt Preston, VE+T contributor and star of *MasterChef*, and hear his anecdotes and insights about his life as a restaurant critic, food writer and arbiter of neckware style. Enjoy a delicious lunch matched with fantastic wines from the Rathbone Wine Group and win a glamorous prize from Wedgwood.

1 DATE Monday 9 November
TIME 12pm

VENUE Aria Brisbane, 1 Eagle St, Eagle Street Pier, Brisbane, Qld
BOOKINGS (07) 3233 2555
COST \$90 for four courses with wines from Mount Langi Ghiran

2 DATE Tuesday 10 November
TIME 12pm

VENUE Omertà, 235 Victoria St, Darlinghurst, NSW
BOOKINGS (02) 9360 1011
COST \$90 for five courses with wines from Yering Station

3 DATE Wednesday 11 November
TIME 12pm

VENUE The Manse Restaurant, 142 Tynte St, North Adelaide, SA
BOOKINGS (08) 8267 4636
COST \$90 for five courses with wines from Mount Langi Ghiran

4 DATE Thursday 12 November
TIME 12pm

VENUE Pata Negra, 26 Stirling Hwy, Nedlands, WA
BOOKINGS (08) 9389 5517
COST \$90 for five courses with wines from Xanadu

5 DATE Friday 13 November
TIME 12pm

VENUE Coda, 141 Flinders Ln, Melbourne, Vic
BOOKINGS (03) 9650 3155
COST \$90 for five courses with wines from Yering Station

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Matt Preston's new book, *Cravat-a-licious*, is published by Random House, \$32.95. Available from book stores nationally.



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Links, bangers, saucisses, wieners – whatever you call 'em, DBGB Kitchen & Bar has 'em. Daniel Boulud's hotter-than-Hades eatery is wowing New Yorkers with everything from Gilles Verot's charcuterie to flamboyant ice-cream sundaes, in a cool Thomas Schlessler-designed room adorned with famous chefs' prize copper pots. We'd go back just for the lighter-than-air matzoh ball soup. 299 Bowery, +1 212 933 5300.

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