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Four acclaimed chefs combine local produce and Harvey Norman[®] appliances to create sublime dishes.

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CHEF'S CHOICE: SOMERSET HERITAGE PRODUCE somersetheritageproduce.com



Plant-based dishes are front of mind for this acclaimed chef.

Embla head chef Dave Verheul says the future is filled with menus abundant in varied, nutritious vegetables. "I firmly believe it's the way forward, we're flipping around the way we eat protein, vegetables and grains," he says. Coming from such a well-respected chef, it might be wise to watch this space. Dave's first jobs out of university were at Gordon Ramsay's Savoy Grill and Heston Blumenthal's The Fat Duck in the UK, the latter of which, he says, was an especially eye-opening experience. "They were the number one restaurant in the world, yet they were so personable. It changed the way I thought about what was possible in this industry." Dave then worked at Sydney's hatted Bentley restaurant, and Matterhorn in his native New Zealand, before settling in Melbourne. Now at the helm of Embla, Dave places premium vegetables in the spotlight, as he has done with the dish pictured. He sourced the fennel from Somerset Heritage Produce, which he chooses to work with for the superior quality. "The owner is passionate, the food is organic and they have excellent produce. Their fennel is perfect right now, the cool weather makes it really sweet," he says. "In this recipe, the cream gives a bit of fat for the fennel to cook through, and chamomile, lemon and fennel are so fragrant and delicious together."



Precise humidity control is key when refrigerating vegetables. A cool, dry fridge keeps produce **crisper and fresher for longer**.



DAVE VERHEUL

Embla Melbourne, Vic EMBLA.COM.AU

PICK OF THE DAY

Fennel, rosemary & chamomile gratin

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CHEF'S CHOICE: BANYARD GAME BIRDS visitdarlingdowns.com.au/listing/ banyard-game-birds



This visionary chef layers flavours that unfold on the palette.

After first entering the kitchen at 15 as a way to escape school, Ben Williamson realised that for him, this was much more than just a job. Now, he's executive chef at Brisbane's hatted Gerard's Bistro, and the accolades and applause for his work are pouring in. Gerard's creates modern, Middle Eastern-accented cuisine, which Ben mastered while living in Bahrain for five years, working and travelling throughout the broader region. When he returned, he became determined to share what he'd learned. "It was an incredible experience. I discovered a longing to explore the flavour memories of those times," he says. Ben took on coveted positions at Brisbane's Cha Cha Char, 1889 Enoteca and Urbane, before taking the helm at Gerard's in 2012. In the dish pictured, Ben combines complex Middle Eastern flavours with premium quail from Queensland's Banyard Game Birds. He says his close connection with owners Clive and Erika Wylie creates a better understanding of both farming practices and restaurant needs. "Their willingness to work on experimental products and techniques results in some of the most excellent, plump and sweet quail the country has to offer. Coated in parsnip glaze and roasted with a sauce of their own juices and burnt almond oil, they're simply sublime."



An **extra-wide oven means simplicity** when cooking for a crowd, while **consistency is vital** for achieving an expert-level feast.



BEN WILLIAMSON

Gerard's Bistro Fortitude Valley, Qld gerardsbistro.com.au

ROAST OF THE DAY

Roasted king quail, parsnip glaze and burnt almond oil

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CHEF'S CHOICE: MURRAY GOLD murraygold.fish



At Bistro Rex in Sydney's Potts Point, Michelle Powell is disrupting common perceptions of French cuisine by showing just how vibrant and delicate it can be. Upending the status quo is something Michelle learned under Neil Perry at Spice Temple in Sydney and Melbourne, where she worked in both front- and back-of-house after completing her apprenticeship. Michelle says gaining experience under one of Australia's most influential and iconic chefs was invaluable, and the only thing that could get her to leave was the offer of travelling the globe as the personal chef of a family based in Europe. After spending five years living in Greece, Switzerland and London, and exploring the far reaches of the world, Michelle returned to Sydney and opened Bistro Rex with co-chef Jo Ward and a line-up of local hospitality luminaries. "We all share the philosophy of excellent food and service being provided together in harmony," she says. For the dish pictured, Michelle applies the Bistro Rex treatment to Murray Gold cod, which she chose for its sweet, white flesh that's approachable and therefore ideal for restaurant menus. "I've matched the delicate flavours of the freshwater cod with a taste of the sea with the vongole. It's a French-inspired dish, and the combination of French vermouth, toasted ginger, leeks, chervil and green shallots is surprisingly light and fresh."



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CHEF'S CHOICE: KING VALLEY DAIRY kingvalleydairy.com.au



A farm-fresh philosophy serves this accomplished chef.

Jo Barrett's star has been on the rise for years. On the way to becoming co-executive chef at the Yarra Valley's Oakridge restaurant, she mastered her craft in the esteemed kitchens of Tivoli Road Bakery, MoVida and Long Short Café. She's regularly featured on Masterchef, a state judge for the delicious. Produce Awards, and has worked at Joost Bakker's zero-waste café, Brothl, and the crowdfunded Stanley Street Merchants. Now, with the reins at Oakridge firmly in hand, she's excelling at leading a kitchen that's ruled by the seasons and the harvest of their on-site farm. "The first thing l do when putting together a recipe is think about the seasons," Jo says. "This is where all cooking should start. If you begin with beautiful produce, half the work is already done for you." One of Jo's favourite producers to work with is King Valley Dairy. She selected its cultured butter for the pictured dish as it's one of her go-to ingredients at work, and at home. "It's consistent, they follow a similar ethos in production as I do in cooking, and, most importantly, it's delicious," she says. In the dish, the cultured butter highlights the citrus notes in the parfait and granita. "The flavours are bright and zingy, and the funk of the lacto-fermentation in the butter enhances the middles tones of citrus and coats your mouth so you taste everything."



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Oakridge Yarra Valley, Vic OAKRIDGEWINES.COM.AU

DESSERT OF THE DAY

Vanilla & whole orange parfait, butter crumble and mandarin granita

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