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## Christmas Cheer from Melbourne Food & Wine Festival

**Melbourne Food and Wine Festival presented by Bank of Melbourne** (1 – 17 March 2013) is just around the corner, and with **Gastronomy Guide tickets on sale now** ahead of the full program release on 1 February, give the gift of food and wine this Christmas.

### For the wine connoisseur

**Acqua Panna Global Wine Experience** is the ultimate gift for any wine lover with four sessions across the weekend including **Great Wines of the World: An Exploration** featuring international wine expert **Jancis Robinson** OBE MW; a blind tasting battle between Australia and New Zealand at **Whose Pinot Reigns Supreme?**; and the best bubbles in **To Champagne... and Beyond!**.

**When:** 9 & 10 March 2013

**Where:** ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne

**Price:** Sessions from \$160 to \$300

**Bookings:** 1300 182 183 or [artscentremelbourne.com.au](http://artscentremelbourne.com.au)

### For the foodie fanatic

**Earth MasterClass** is a unique outdoor, roaming event with six MasterClass sessions followed by a decadent feast under the stars all inspired by earth. Revel in all things earth from the centuries-old art of laying a hangi demonstrated by **Ben Shewry** (Attica, Melbourne) to baking in clay with **Massimo Spigaroli** (Antica Corte Pallavicina, Parma, Italy), alongside other global and local stars.

**When:** 8 March 2013

**Where:** CERES Environment Park, Brunswick East

**Price:** \$435 - an exclusive event for only 150 guests.

**Bookings:** 136 100 or [ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au)

### Food for thought

For those who prefer food for thought, talkfest **Theatre of Ideas** presented by epicure will gather three inspirational minds of the culinary world **Magnus Nilsson, Michael Stadtländer** and **Matthew**

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**Evans** to tackle questions such as how are we going to feed ourselves in the decades to come. A must-attend event for those with a passion for sustainability and the provenance of food.

**When:** 10 March 2013

**Where:** Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne

**Price:** \$65

**Bookings:** 1300 182 183 or [artscentremelbourne.com.au](http://artscentremelbourne.com.au)

### **For the aspiring chef**

Learn from inspiring global and local chefs and taste their incredible dishes at **Langham Melbourne MasterClass**. See acclaimed Mexican chef **Enrique Olvera**, discover the exotic influence of the Amazon and the Andes with **Virgilio Martinez**, marvel at baking master **Dan Lepard**, and experience some of Australia's best including **Andrew McConnell** (Cutler & Co., Cumulus Inc., Golden Fields and Moon Under Water) and **Aaron Turner** (Loam, Bellarine).

Unlock the secrets of food and wine matching at **Perfect Match** presented by The Age. Pairings include chef **Benjamin Cooper** (Chin Chin, Melbourne) and winemaker **Neil Prentice** (Moondarra Wines, Gippsland) on how to tame the chilli beast; and cheese expert **Will Studd** (Cheese Slices, Melbourne) and winemaker **Steve Flamsteed** (Innocent Bystander/Giant Steps, Yarra Valley) on the delights of cheese and wine.

**When:** 9 & 10 March 2013

**Where:** The Langham, Melbourne

**Price:** Sessions available as part of a day (\$320) or weekend ticket (\$595)

**Bookings:** 136 100 or [ticketmaster.com.au](http://ticketmaster.com.au)

### **Taste of Victoria Mixed Dozen**

Give the gift of fine Victorian wines this Christmas with the Taste of Victoria Mixed Dozen from Treasury Wine Estates. Selected to celebrate Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2013, the dozen features a mix of wines from some of Victoria's most acclaimed wineries including Coldstream Hills, St Huberts and Seppelt. Cost \$149 – valued at \$287. To purchase call 1300 981 526.

This is just a taste of Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2013 – see the full Festival program from 1 February at [melbournefoodandwine.com.au](http://melbournefoodandwine.com.au).

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