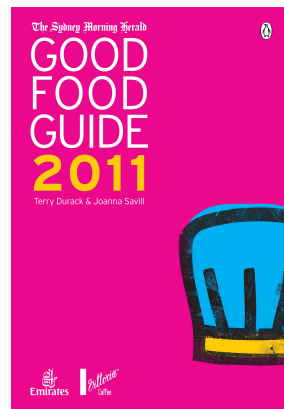


# The Sydney Morning Herald

## MEDIA RELEASE

### The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011

- **Marque** wins *Vittoria Coffee* Restaurant of the Year
- **Martin Benn** of *Sepia* wins *Emirates* Chef of the Year
- **Marque, est., and Quay** score 3 Chef's Hats
- 2011 – a year for more relaxed dining
- The quest for quality is top priority among chefs
- Over 950 places to eat listed in Sydney and NSW



Marque restaurant in Sydney's Surry Hills has been named the *Vittoria Coffee* Restaurant of the Year at the prestigious awards ceremony to celebrate the launch of *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011*.

Marque, whose owner and chef Mark Best won Chef of the Year in 2010, was also one of only three restaurants to score the top accolade of three Chef's Hats at this year's *Good Food Guide Awards*

Co-editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011*, Joanna Savill, said: "Marque's win is an acknowledgement of the whole package that is Marque: from elegant, highly creative cooking to careful, polished food and wine service. It's a world-class restaurant and a reflection of the best in Sydney dining."

Fellow co-editor, Terry Durack, added: "We also warmly congratulate all other award winners this year, especially the record number of fifteen new city one hat winners who show the true depth of the Sydney dining scene."

Alongside Marque, est. and Quay are both awarded three coveted Chef's Hats in the 2011 edition, while in the country, Lochiel House at Kurrajong Heights, with two Chef's Hats, took out the *Navman* Best Regional Restaurant Award.

*The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011* is the 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the book and the largest to date, with more than 950 places to eat listed.

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A team of 40 reviewers reviewed over 600 restaurants for the scored section of the book, which comprises more than 250 reviews in the city and suburbs, and over 300 in regional NSW.

*The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011* is the fourth edition co-edited by Joanna Savill, while Terry Durack returns after an absence of ten years for his seventh edition as co-editor.

“It’s a great pleasure to have worked on the 26th *Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide*”, Terry said. “And it’s a real thrill to see that the restaurant scene in Sydney and NSW has really consolidated, so it’s not just great high-end and low-end dining, but everything in between.”

Co-editor Joanna Savill said: “This is my fourth year on *The Good Food Guide* and it’s been fabulous to work with Terry in putting it together, as well as with our team of experienced and dedicated reviewers.

“We’re confident we have really called it as it is – tough as some of our decisions may have been.”

*The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide* includes dozens of new places to eat, and a number of new sections, features and awards, as well as a sharp, fresh look designed to ensure this is the indispensable restaurant guide for anyone living in, or visiting, Sydney and NSW.

To compile *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011*, reviewers dined at every restaurant listed at least once, if not twice or even three or four times in some instances, booking anonymously and paying for the meal to ensure each review is completely independent.

This makes *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011* the most comprehensive restaurant guide in Australia, alongside *The Age Good Food Guide 2011* published last week in Victoria.

“Between them, the two publications are a comprehensive, independent and utterly authoritative resource when it comes to eating out - both fine dining and at the more casual end - in Australia’s two most restaurant-populous states,” Durack said.

For the first time in 2011, buyers of the print and iPhone app editions of *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide* receive a special access code to the new *Good Food Guide* website ([www.goodguides.com.au](http://www.goodguides.com.au)).

Featuring all *The Good Food Guide 2011* reviews, the new website is Australia’s first “walled garden” food website, allowing buyers of the book and apps to join a new community of food lovers where they can add their own reviews and ratings, make a restaurant booking online, as well as receiving exclusive *Good Food Guide* offers and newsletters.

## Fast facts:

- Every year, each restaurant is revisited and freshly reviewed
- More than 40 reviewers are dispatched around the state to visit and review almost 1000 restaurants
- The reviewing process takes seven months and involves up to five visits to some restaurants

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***The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011* is on sale from Tuesday, September 7 at bookstores, newsagents and online ([www.smhshop.com.au](http://www.smhshop.com.au)), or by calling *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 1300 656 059. Recommended retail price is \$29.95.**

***The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011* iPhone app will be available soon from the iTunes store for \$9.99.**

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## The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide Awards 2011

- **Vittoria Coffee Restaurant of the Year:**  
Marque
- **Emirates Chef of the Year:**  
Martin Benn (Sepia)
- **Plumm Wine Glasses Best New Restaurant:**  
Manly Pavilion
- **Navman Best Regional Restaurant:**  
Lochiel House, Kurrajong Heights
- **Star City Professional Excellence Award:**  
Peter Doyle (est.)
- **The Sydney Morning Herald Silver Service Award:**  
Alon Sharman (Arras)
- **Champagne Louis Roederer Sommelier of the Year:**  
Matthew Dunne (Aria)
- **Brown Brothers Wine List of the Year:**  
Rockpool Bar & Grill
- **Small wine list of the year:**  
Spice Temple
- **Regional Wine List of the Year:**  
Margan (Broke)
- **The Josephine Pignolet Best Young Chef**  
Jason Saxby (Quay)
- **Vittoria Legend Award**  
Michael McMahon (Catalina)
- **Sydney Fish Market Best Seafood Restaurant**  
Fish Face
- **Dan Murphy's Best BYO Restaurant**  
Il Perugino
- **Coopers Sustainability Award**  
Margan (Broke)
- **iPhone App People's Choice Award**  
Tetsuya's

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## The Chef's Hats 2011

### City

#### Going up ↑

2 Hats: Four in Hand Dining Room  
Sepia

1 Hat: Ad Lib Bistro  
Billy Kwong  
Bodega  
buzo trattoria  
Café Sopra  
Catalina  
Etch  
Golden Century  
Koi  
Mad Cow  
Manly Pavilion  
Omerta  
Ormeggio at the Spit  
Sake restaurant & Bar  
Spice Temple

#### Going down ↓

Bilson's (3 Hats → 2)  
Tetsuya's (3 Hats → 2)  
Pier (3 Hats → 1)  
Restaurant Balzac (2 Hats → 1)  
Sean's Panorama (2 Hats → 1)  
Azuma (1 Hat → 0)  
Bathers' Pavilion (1 Hat → 0)  
Blancharu (1 Hat → 0)  
Foveaux (1 Hat → 0)  
Galileo (1 Hat → 0)  
L'Etoile (1 Hat → 0)

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## Regional

### Going up ↑

2 Hats: Lochiel House

1 Hat: ashcrofts  
dish  
Eschalot

Italian & Sons  
Muse

### Going down ↓

Darley's (2 Hats → 1)  
Journeyman (1 hat → 0)  
Katers (1 Hat → 0)  
The Old George & Dragon (1 Hat → 0)  
Restaurant 11 (1 Hat → 0)  
Tonic (1 Hat → 0)  
Vulcans (1 Hat → 0)

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## The Chef's Hats 2011

### City

#### 3 Hats

Marque, est., Quay

#### 2 Hats

Aria, Assiette, Becasse, Bentley Restaurant & Bar, Berowra Waters Inn, Bilson's, Bistro Ortolan, Buon Ricordo, Claude's, Four in Hand Dining Room, Guillaume at Bennelong, Icebergs Dining Room and Bar, Lucio's, Pilu at Freshwater, Rockpool, Rockpool Bar & Grill, Sepia, Tetsuya's, Universal

#### 1 Hat

Ad Lib Bistro, Altitude, Arras, Astral, Billy Kwong, Bird Cow Fish, Bistro Moncur, Bistode, The Boathouse on Blackwattle Bay, Bodega, buzo trattoria, Café Sopra, Catalina, Etch, Fish Face, Flying Fish, Golden Century, Jonah's Whale Beach, Koi, Longrain, Mad Cow, Manly Pavilion, Omerta, Ormeggio at the Spit, Oscillate Wildly, Otto Ristorante, Pendolino, Pier, Restaurant Balzac, Sailors Thai Restaurant, Sake Restaurant & Bar, Sean's Panaroma, Spice Temple, Yoshii

### Regional

#### 2 Hats

Lochiel House (Kurrajong Heights), Rock (Pokolbin)

#### 1 Hat

ashcrofts (Blackheath), Bacchus (Newcastle), Bamboo Restaurant and Bar (Casuarina Beach), bells at killcare (Killcare), Bistro Molines (Mount View), Caveau (Wollongong), dish (Byron Bay), Darley's (Katoomba), Eschalot (Berrima), Fins (Kingscliff), Italian and Sons (Canberra), Lolli Redini (Orange), Muse (Pokolbin), Neila (Cowra), No. 2 Oak Street (Bellingen), Ottoman Cuisine (Canberra), Restaurant Como (Blaxland), Satiare (Bangalow), sourcedining (Albury), Waters Edge (Canberra), Zest (Nelson Bay)

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## The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011 Co-editors

**Co-editors:** Joanna Savill, Terry Durack

### Editor Biographies

#### Joanna Savill

Joanna Savill is the Festival Director of Crave Sydney International Food Festival and the co-editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide 2011*. She also writes for publications both in Australia and internationally, including *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Cuisine* magazine, the *Financial Times Weekend* and *the (Sydney) Magazine*. She has been writing about restaurants for almost two decades. With a food knowledge that borders on the obsessive, particularly when it comes to world cuisines and food cultures, Joanna was named in 2004 as the "Best overall contributor to the communication of food" by the Food Media Club of Australia.

#### Terry Durack

After six years as editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide*, Terry relocated to London where he was restaurant critic for London's *Independent on Sunday* for 8 years. He has twice been the Glenfiddich Restaurant Critic of the Year and was the 2007 World Food Media Awards Best Restaurant Critic. He has written six books including *Yum*, *Noodle* and *Hunger*. Terry is currently the chief restaurant reviewer for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and co-editor of *The Good Food Guide 2011*. He likes to eat.