

An Evening with a Distinctly French Flavour

The search has begun for Australia's top chef to represent the nation at the world's most prestigious cooking competition, Bocuse d'Or in Lyon, France.

Some of Australia's leading chefs, all former contenders for the Bocuse d'Or competition including celebrity TV Chef, George Calombaris and their culinary creations, helped launch the search for the 2011 Bocuse d'Or Australian candidate, at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre in late October.

George Calombaris of TV MasterChef and Melbourne Press Club fame, led an impressive line up of Australian talent including, Scott Pickett from Melbourne's The Point Restaurant, Joseph Vargetto from Little Bourke Streets' Oyster eaterie, Tom Milligan, Senior Educator at Holmesglen Institute of TAFE and local Queensland Chef, Ross Howell, who contributed their considerable combined talents to the degustation menu prepared by Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Executive Chef Martin Latter and his team.

More than 350 guests including cuisine connoisseurs and industry heavyweights attended. Among those were the French Ambassador to Australia, Mr Michel Filhol and French Consul General, Mr Lionel Majeste-Larrouy, who enjoyed such culinary treats as Wagyu Beef Carpaccio, Foie Gras and Celery Raviolo, Roasted Wild Barramundi, Kimberley Red Brisket and Fillet of Beef Confit Garlic and Shallot, Marinated Meredith Dairy Goats Feta, Pear and Cassis Compote finishing on a high with Chocolate Creme Brulee, White Chocolate Raspberry Margarita, Chocolate pudding and Baileys Ice Cream.

The elegant and eloquent Gabriel Gate, MC and Bocuse D'Or Australian Selection President, Brisbane's Romaine Bapst from IL Centro kept the evening moving at a fast pace.

The selection process now begins with the preparation of the competition criteria and nomination forms with the official cook off for the qualifying contestants to be held in May 2010.

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