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Pinot Noir NZ announces impressive culinary programme

With just 60 days until New Zealand's most significant wine event - Pinot Noir NZ 2017, the lid has been lifted on an all-star line-up of kiwi chefs putting food on the table alongside world class New Zealand wines.

Al Brown, Graham Brown and Josh Emett will join Pinot Noir NZ's culinary director - Wellington food legend Ruth Pretty MNZM in delivering a three day exposé on the local food scene.

Al Brown - the restaurateur behind Auckland eateries Depot and Federal Delicatessen, as well as the Montreal-style bagel factories Best Ugly Bagels, is guest chef on day one.

Graham Brown, guest chef for day two, is a huge food talent and one of the country's top culinary ambassadors, having cooked for royalty and celebrities across the globe.

Guest chef on day three, Josh Emett, worked for Gordon Ramsay for over 10 years, and has judged Masterchef New Zealand since its start in 2011. He has a number of restaurants around the country; Rātā in Queenstown, Ostro in Britomart, Auckland, and Madam Woo in Queenstown and Hamilton.

Ruth Pretty has been culinary director for Pinot Noir NZ since 2001, is a catering genius, with a terrific understanding of what it takes to create great food for Pinot lovers.

"An important part of this Pinot celebration has always been what happens after 5pm," said chair Ben Glover. We're really excited to be bringing some of New Zealand's culinary innovators to our table, to deliver the gastronomic spark for Pinot Noir 2017. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase the very best in New Zealand wine and food to our guests from around the world".

The event, which takes over the Wellington waterfront from 31st January to 2nd February next year has fast become one of the best Pinot Noir events on the planet.

Registrations for Pinot Noir NZ 2017 have been unprecedented, with tickets nearly sold out. They can be booked via the website www.pinotnz.co.nz

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Editors' notes:

Click here to see the full culinary programme
http://www.pinotnz.co.nz/programme/culinary-programme/?preview=true&preview id=2306&preview nonce=587b23b1c3

Pinot Noir NZ happens just once every four years, and brings together the wines, people and places that benchmark New Zealand Pinot Noir. There will be 117 wineries bringing over 600 wines to 600 visionaries, industry leaders, influencers and lovers of Pinot Noir.

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