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**OPEN FOR BUSINESS**  
DAYLESFORD'S luxe Hotel Bellinzona was set to open on-site restaurant Oxford Dining Room this Thursday, pending lockdown and restrictions. Executive chef JULIAN ALBIOLI (ex-Rezdora in New York City and MoVida) is at the kitchen's helm. In Geelong, 1915 (below) has shacked up with local distiller Anther Gin to open a 370-seater restaurant and bar at the city's heritage Federal Mills. Head chef ANDY SYMEONAKIS is behind a Mediterranean, modern Australian-leaning menu boasting wood-fired



pizzas and scallops with garlic butter and herb crumb. Across town the team behind 18th Amendment Bar plans to open Non Disclosure Bar in August. With an Old World America-Gatsby theme, the bar will shake cocktails made from spirits and liqueurs from owner GORGE CAMORRA's personal collection, including whiskeys from the '80s and Campari and gin from the '70s.

**FOOD ON FILM**

A DOCUMENTARY about the life of food icon ANTHONY BOURDAIN will screen at the Melbourne International Film Festival next month. Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain will look back at Bourdain's life, with interviews by chefs DAVID CHANG and ERIC RIPERT, musician Iggy Pop and crew members from his TV shows Parts Unknown and No Reservations. MIFF runs from August 5-22.

**COFFEE UP**

CAFE giant Rustica is set to open its fifth store inside a CBD office tower next month. Rustica will live near the main entrance of the 34-storey GPT Group redevelopment on Queens and Collins St. The space will serve coffee and lunch. It will join Rustica's South Yarra flagship, Melbourne Central, Highpoint and Rialto stores.



Jaclyn and Paul Cooper want to transform Fergusson Winery and Restaurant into a food and wine destination. Picture: Nicki Connolly

# Vision for Valley

**A**MELBOURNE restaurateur has bought a family-owned Yarra Valley winery with plans to transform it into a food-and-wine destination. Chef PAUL COOPER and wife JACLYN will lead Fergusson Winery and Restaurant into its next chapter, launching a new 150-seater Italian restaurant, cellar door and, in summer, a pop-up village selling street food and cocktails across the sprawling 4ha block. The purchase is Cooper's second winery in three years, after buying Bianchet in nearby Chirnside Park in 2018.

He's already poached Rochford Wines sous chef STACY THOMPSON to take the reins in September. "I want Fergusson to be the next big thing in the Yarra Valley, the first port of call for people to go for food, wine or lunch," he said. "We have a lot of space and I wanted to create a festival-style environment. I have a 1947 Bedford ute that I've turned into a cocktail bar and a BBQ trailer that we'll call Argie Barbie selling Argentinian street-food snacks." In the meantime, handmade pastas such as pappardelle with rabbit and pork ragout and

gnocchi with wild mushrooms, silverbeet and ricotta salata will be on offer. Fergusson Winery was set upon 12ha before being subdivided into three lots. JEREMY FERGUSSON, the son of the original owner, will stay on to manage the vineyard. Local winemaker ROB DOLAN will process grapes at his facility until Ms Cooper takes over winemaking duties in a few years. Pinot noir, chardonnay, cabernet and shiraz will be the main grape varieties. Fergusson Winery, post lockdown, will be open for lunch, Wednesday to Sunday.

# Spilling beans on move

**■**ANOTHER Melbourne coffee giant will soon call Chadstone home. Abbotsford's AU79 Cafe will join the likes of Industry Beans and Axil when it opens its second location in early August. The 110-seater kiosk will live in the centre's luxury precinct, near Nespresso and Aesop, slinging lattes and brunches by day and drinks, pastas and tapas at night. AU79 also plans to open Emporium, Southbank and Richmond stores later this year. While AU79 has built a following around its Abbotsford coffee roastery

and on-site bakery, general manager LAWRENCE JONES said Chadstone would move in a new direction. "We want to create the experience of a cafe in a casual, fun and enjoyable sense, but a little more refined," he said. "Abbotsford is a great location but it's out of the high traffic areas not many people would have visited." Head chef BOMI SHIN will introduce Italian-leaning snacks and larger plates, such as her popular seafood linguine, to AU79's Chadstone's menu. Pt Leo Estate wines will also be available for a post-shopping tippie.



Bomi Shin and Lawrence Jones are bringing AU79 Cafe to Chadstone.



Q&A

## Food for thought...

**YOSUKE HATANAKA**  
Saké Culinary Brand chef

### WHICH FIVE PEOPLE WOULD YOU INVITE TO A DINNER PARTY?

Shimpei Hatanaka, Chi Ung Kim, Jungbae Cho, Shoji Toru, and Daisuke Sakai—the amazing head chefs at our Saké restaurants.

### WHAT'S ON THE MENU FOR YOUR DEATH ROW MEAL?

This would have to be either my guilty pleasure—a bowl of ramen—or my all-time favourite, sushi. I'd have to flip a coin.

### WHAT IS YOUR FIRST FOOD MEMORY?

Temaki (hand-rolled sushi) parties at home. We would gather a heap of ingredients, sit around the table, and make our own sushi.

### WHAT ROLE DID FOOD AND WINE PLAY IN YOUR FAMILY WHILE GROWING UP?

Dad, a sushi chef, always made sushi for family events such as birthdays and Christmas.

### WHAT IS YOUR LATEST FOOD DISCOVERY?

I visited Hakata Gensuke Yatai Ramen in Carlton recently and tried the Yatai Shoyu Pork Ramen.

### IS THERE ONE RESTAURANT EVERYONE SHOULD VISIT IN THEIR LIFETIME?

Ryugin in Tokyo.

### A PERFECT DAY'S EATING?

My wife's homemade Japanese breakfast, followed by good wine and a bowl of tagliatelle at Rosetta for lunch, and sake with a selection of sushi at Saké Hamer Hall for dinner.

### WHAT'S YOUR TRIPLE OF CHOICE RIGHT NOW?

Sake. There is a much broader range available at local bottle shops now.

### FAVE LOCAL RESTAURANT?

Ichikuro in Blackburn.

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