



## THE WORLD'S BEST BYO 2011 "A DECADENT DECO EVENING"

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Last night, Cure Cancer Australia and The Fink Group again joined forces to create a decadent evening for wine lovers, the **World's Best BYO**, at Quay restaurant. Now in its fourth year, the **World's Best BYO** is a unique event that gives guests the rare opportunity to bring along a special vintage from their cellar to match the extraordinary cuisine of Australia's most awarded chef, Peter Gilmore, and at the same time raise \$157,000 for life-saving cancer research through Cure Cancer Australia.

Those toting a bottle for the cause included Richard Roxburgh, Kerri-Anne and John Kennerley, Louis Vuitton's Philip Corne, Moët Hennessy's Jonathan Coles, Mark Baulderstone of Riedel, Victor and Chrissy Comino, Mojo's Nicholas Davie, Quay General Manager John Fink and Peter and Kristie Wieland.

This year, the event took on an Art Deco theme and Peter Gilmore highlighted his "2011 classics" which included breast of slow cooked quail, pumpernickel, morel and ethical foie gras pudding with walnuts, quinoa, truffle custard and milk skin and a magnificent poached wagyu beef with oxtail, morel, black pudding, faro buckwheat, hazelnut and ezeziel.

Guests sipped Veuve Clicquot Rosé as they enjoyed a beautiful presentation by Travel the World's Val Rosenberg on Chiva-Som, the world's leading luxury spa. Generous supporters Louis Vuitton, Riedel, Electrolux and Clonakilla donated classics from their collections and guests bid on an exclusive masterclass with Quay chef, Peter Gilmore.

As in previous years, Sydney's best sommeliers rallied to the cause and donated their time to tend to guests' precious wines on the night. Captaining them was Quay's Amanda Yallop who, with her hot team of sommeliers including Otto's Patrick White, Franck Moreau and Tristan Habeck of Merivale Group, Rockpool Bar & Grill's Michael Engelmann and Rockpool's Emma Plumridge, Sebastian Crowther of the Royal Mail and Josh Dunne from China Doll, chose from the guests' BYO bottles to award the top wines of the night. MC Jill Dupleix took great delight presenting "Best Bottle" in the red category to her partner and food critic, Terry Durack, for his 1974 Heitz Martha's Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley.

Says Max Gosling, Chairman of Cure Cancer Australia: "All of us touched by cancer have great hope in finding a cure. Without research there can be no cure and yet cancer researchers almost always describe their biggest obstacle as funding. There simply isn't enough, which is why we need the generous support of all the Australian community so urgently. Cure Cancer Australia provides an essential link between the community and researchers, giving brilliant creative minds the opportunity to focus on what they do best, researching their ideas and finding answers to our questions."

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