



hot shots a quick guide to what's sizzling in Queensland

WINTER WARMERS

Ma'Mensa at Noosa has launched its winter menu with delights such as rustic Tuscan pate, smokehouse trout carpaccio and Umbrian-style spiced lamb shoulder. Owner Gail Palethorpe has also updated the wine list after receiving inspiration from winemaker Pio Cesare who visited from his winery in Alba, Italy. They have also added some tub chairs and high bars in the bar area.

VIVA LA FRANCE

The Kookaburra Queen is celebrating Bastille Day a few days late on July 17 with a French dinner cruise. There'll be can-can dancers, music and an overload of French food including onion soup, cheeses, bread, creme caramel, profiteroles and cassoulet, plus French wine and champagne. Tickets \$89 per person with bookings on 3221 1300.

FRENCH DRESSING

Still on the French theme, Belle Epoque at the Emporium in Fortitude Valley has launched Aperitif Hour every Friday from 5pm-7pm, showcasing French-inspired cocktails and French beers. They have also brought back Brisbane champagne consultant Bernadette O'Shea for the First Tuesday Champagne Club — a monthly tasting which showcases some of the world's best champagnes. The club starts on July 7 and will run the first Tuesday of every month.

LUNCHTIME VALUE

Restaurant Manx at Portside Hamilton is running a recession-busting lunchtime special. For \$30, enjoy two courses and a glass of wine. More details and bookings at 3216 4999.

STAY SWEET

Want to find out how *Biggest Loser* runner-up Tiffany Herdsman maintains her weight loss? Sweet William is running a Chocolate Mud Spread competition and five people will win Breakfast With Tiffany. To be in the draw, buy Sweet William Chocolate Mud Spread from Woolworths for \$3.99 and follow the entry conditions on the pack.

ANOTHER COOK UP

Can't get enough of *MasterChef*? Lifestyle Food Channel tomorrow night launches another culinary style cook-off show called *Too Many Cooks*. Each night, eight aspiring cooks, competing in pairs, have to produce three courses. It screens weeknights at 6.30pm.

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