

ritical guide



MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL



WHAT Back of House
WHEN Today, 11am-5pm
WHERE Gould Galleries,
 270 Toorak Road, South Yarra
COST Free

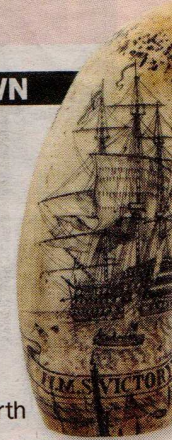
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At Vue de Monde it's precise yet frenetic, while Flower Drum tends to run like a production line. Abla's resembles a family kitchen, and at Pearl (pictured), with its dangling heat lamps, the emphasis seems to be on presentation. Jeff Martin spent months as a fly on the wall in Melbourne's finest eateries, capturing the ordered chaos of award-winning kitchens – from The Botanical to Jacques Reymond, Rockpool to Grossi. Martin, a former cook and restaurateur, would sketch the colour and movement of the kitchen, before transferring the works onto canvas. The result is *Back of House*, a collection of 15 oils and a few works on paper. Martin spent 17 years in the food industry before turning to art. He was the first Westerner allowed to spend a night back of house at the Flower Drum. *Back of House* is part of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival. Martin will deliver a floor talk at Gould Galleries today, 11.30am. **DARREN LEVIN**

JULIA GAW

OUT OF TOWN

WHAT Cabinets of Wonder: Treasure from the Beechworth Community
WHEN Today, tomorrow, 9am
WHERE Robert O'Hara Burke Memorial Museum, Loch Street, Beechworth
TICKETS \$5



Cabinets of Wonder at the Burke Museum gives visitors a unique glimpse into the personal collections of the people of Beechworth, a gold rush town three hours north of Melbourne. The museum recently put out a call to the Beechworth community for antiques and heirlooms, paraphernalia and personal oddities, and it received nothing short of a treasure trove. Highlights of the exhibition include: a collection of crafted contraband made by inmates of the Beechworth Prison; a piece of oak from the hull of Nelson's ship HMS Victory; historic trophies from the Beechworth Football Club; a collection of postmarked letters dated between 1855 and 1875; and an extensive collection of beer coasters. "The exhibition offers fascinating insights into the nature of collecting as well as the community from which the collections have come to light," says Linda Peacock, Burke Museum collections officer. The museum also houses a collection of Aboriginal artefacts, natural history and artefacts and ephemera from Beechworth's gold rush days to the present. Cabinets of Wonder runs until June.

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