

Sydney Film Festival, 5-16 June, serves up a special meal and movie experience

This June, for one night only, the **60th Sydney Film Festival** will present a unique meal and movie experience combining a special advance screening of the compelling documentary about high-end Bordeaux wine, *Red Obsession*, with a three-course 'Bordeaux inspired' dinner by top Australian celebrity chef Luke Mangan at glass brasserie.

"The name Bordeaux is synonymous with quality, history and red wine," said Luke Mangan. "Producing some of the world's most esteemed and expensive drops, the market and demand for Bordeaux wine is dramatically growing on a global scale. Following the screening of *Red Obsession*, join us at Glass Brasserie for a sumptuous three-course French-inspired meal with matching Bordeaux and Eden Road Wines as we offer an interesting education and comparison of old world versus new world wines."

Narrated by **Russell Crowe**, *Red Obsession* is directed and written by Australian **filmmakers David Roach** and **Warwick Ross** and includes commentary from international wine writers and critics including France's most Famous wine critic, **Michel Bettane**, UK wine critic, **Jancis Robinson** MW, **Steven Spurrier** and writer and broadcaster, **Oz Clarke**. There was the world's most famous interviewer and Wine lover, **Sir Michael Parkinson** as well as filmmaker and owner of Inglenook Winery, **Francis Ford Coppola**. The captivating film focuses on France's Bordeaux region, its place in the global marketplace and how China's new, voracious consumer base is buying up this finite product.

"Red Obsession is a fascinating look at our changing international economy and how an obsession in Shanghai affects the most illustrious vineyards in France," Hollywood Reporter, 2013.

"We are delighted to have the chance to match our wines with Luke Mangan's outstanding cuisine," says Nick Spencer, Winemaker at Eden Road Wines an award-winning winery based in NSW's Canberra Wine District. "We have our very own red obsession at Eden Road and look forward to showcasing some of the NSW High Country varietals we produce from our

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Murrumbateman headquarters. It's a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy great food, fine wines and a fantastic film experience."

Gourmet Cinema Event Details:

Tuesday 11 June, 6.30pm

Red Obsession is screening at Event Cinemas George Street, followed by a three-course 'Bordeaux inspired' dinner at hatted restaurant glass brasserie at Sydney's Hilton Hotel. The evening's menu has been especially created by Luke Mangan and includes matching Bordeaux old world wines and new world wines by Eden Road Wines. \$140 per person.

The menu:

AMUSE

Veloute of celeriac with spices 2011 Tumbarumba Chardonnay – Eden Road Wines

ENTRÉE

Braised pork cheek, almond & fennel pollen, jamón, carrot & sherry puree, black garlic & radish 2011 Canberra Shiraz – Eden Road Wines

MAIN

Roasted sirloin with daube of wagyu brisket, truffled swede puree, grilled Brussels sprouts 2010 Rothschild Reserve Speciale Rouge

DESSERT

Orange floating island, fig, berries, lemon curd & Amaretto anglaise 2009 Charteuse de Coutet

For tickets or further info contact: 1300 733 733 / <u>www.sff.org.au</u>. Seating for this dinner will be communal however bookings of six people or more will be guaranteed individual tables.

Sydney Film Festival celebrates its 60th anniversary this 5-16 June bringing a packed program of screenings and special events to even more venues across Sydney. The full program will be announced on Wednesday 8 May 2013. A selection of 27 films will be announced in advance of this date on Wednesday 3 April. Flexi passes are now on sale. For tickets and full up-to-date program information please visit www.sff.org.au.

ABOUT SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL

Sydney Film Festival screens feature films, documentaries, short films and animations across the city at the State Theatre, Event Cinemas George Street, Dendy Opera Quays, the Art Gallery of NSW and the Hayden Orpheum Picture Palace. The Festival is a major event on the New South

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Wales cultural calendar and is one of the world's longest-running film festivals. For more information visit <u>www.sff.org.au</u>

Sydney Film Festival also presents twelve films that vie for the 'Official Competition'; a highly respected international honour that awards a \$60,000.00 cash prize based on the decision of a jury of international and Australian filmmakers and industry professionals. Previous Sydney Film Festival Official Competition winners include: *Alps* (2012), *A Separation* (2011) – which went on to win an Academy Award[®], *Heartbeats* (2010), *Bronson* (2009) and *Hunger* (2008).

The 60th Sydney Film Festival is supported by the NSW Government through Screen NSW, the Federal Government through Screen Australia, and the City of Sydney. The Festival's Strategic partner is the NSW Government through Destination NSW.

What: Sydney Film Festival When: 5-16 June, 2013 Tickets & Info: 1300 733 733 www.sff.org.au

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