



Above left: Prive 249. Right: Prive 249's Mathieu Astier.

# LES CLEFS D'OR

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of myself and my colleagues we would like to wish each and everyone of you a prosperous and happy new year, I am sure that it will be a very busy one for all of us here in Brisbane. On January 12, I am off to the International Congress of Les Clefs d'Or, which this year is being held in Lisbon, Portugal. I will be sure to let you all know how it goes in the February edition.

## FRENCH INSPIRED AUSTRALIAN CUISINE

Start a private affair at Brisbane's new restaurant Prive 249, a sexy, smart dining experience that boasts a tantalising menu of French inspired Australian cuisine. Prive 249 seats up to 52 guests and the restaurant's floor to ceiling windows offer magnificent city views overlooking Brisbane central clock tower and the historic Anzac Square.

A young, talented and very passionate chef, Mathieu Astier, who is new to Australia but not to the kitchen, inspires Prive 249. He started at the age of 16

and has worked with and been taught by some of the world's greatest maestros of the kitchen. Spending much of his life in Monte Carlo, working throughout 1 to 3 Michelin star restaurants with famed chefs like Regis Marcon and Joel Robuchon. Mathieu and his family relocated to Brisbane in 2007 and he is starting to make a name for himself in the Brisbane culinary scene. His focus is on using the absolute best products available in the market.

Prive 249's menu reflects the focus on top of the line produce and boasts an inviting selection of dishes. This intimate restaurant has been created by partitions of beaded curtains. By day a natural light streams through the windowed wall and by night the mood is transformed with dramatic chandeliers and giant candles, black glass tabletops are set with white china and titanium cutlery a striking mix of gold and silver.

Prive 249 is open Tuesday to Friday for lunch and Tuesday to Saturday for dinner. With entrees from \$24 and mains from \$35, you will be spoilt for

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choice at Prive 249, which also boasts an impressive five-course tasting menu and an extensive wine list. This restaurant is on the way to becoming one of Brisbane's finest.

Bookings are recommended and can be made by either contacting the Sofitel Brisbane on (07) 3835 3535 or ask your friendly concierge to book you a table today, you will not regret it.