

## JUN YUKIMURA BRINGS HIS STAR TEAM TO CROWN FOR STARS OF STARS



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Normally only a handful of diners can take a seat at the counter of Tokyo's tiny but illustrious Yukimura restaurant. From 6 - 11 March, however, Melburnians can dine with the triple Michelin Star chef, Jun Yukimura, when he creates a unique 'Pop Up' restaurant at Crown's award-winning Koko restaurant. This 2012 visit follows on from Yukimura's immensely popular participation in Crown's 2011 'Stars of Spice' programme.

Yukimura's remarkable reputation was forged through 25 years cooking in Kyoto, including a decade spent at the famous Kaiseki restaurant, Wakuden. His own eponymous restaurant, popular with the chefs, politicians, locals and celebrities, is hidden away in Azabu-JDban, a neighbourhood known as Tokyo's most expensive upscale residential district.

Trained in the kitchens of gifted chefs rather than within the confines of a cookery school Yukimura ships many of his ingredients in from Kyoto. He says he is "obsessed" with Japanese cuisine and particularly likes to work with Pike Conger Sea Eel - "it takes a high level of skill to cut" - and Hanasansho, the flower of Sichuan pepper.

As part of his Melbourne Food and Wine Festival activities chef Yukimura will treat diners to an exquisite degustation paired with specially selected sake by a visiting Sake Master from Japan.

Jun Yukimura will also join Sang-Hoon Degeimbre and Luisa Valazza to present the Festival's Masterclass weekend.

This year's 'Stars of Stars' is the fourth instalment in this innovative Michelin Star focused 'Stars' series, following on from 'Stars of Europe' (2009), 'Stars of America' (2010) and 2011's 'Stars of Spice'. The other seven guest chefs for 2012 are Belgium's Sang-Hoon Degeimbre, Italy's Luisa Valazza, France's Serge Vieira, Thierry Marx, Stephane Bour and Jacques Marcon, and Hong Kong's Mok Kit Keung.

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### **Dinner with Jun Yukimura**

Venue: Koko

Date: Friday 9 March, 2012

Cost: \$390 set menu matched with sake

Bookings: Reservations are essential and can be made by contacting +613 9292 6886

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### **Jun Yukimura feature menu**

Venue: Koko

Dates: Tuesday 6 – Sunday 11 March 2012 (lunch) and Tuesday 6 – Saturday 10 March 2012 (dinner)

Bookings: Reservations can be made by contacting +613 292 5777



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