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## Victoria's High Country scoops 2017 Good Food awards

A record five restaurants in Victoria's High Country have been awarded Chef's Hats in the 2017 Age Good Food Guide.

For the sixth year running, Michael Ryan's *Provenance* in Beechworth received two Chef's Hats, and this year, received the added accolade of **Best Regional Wine List**.

"Reading *Provenance's* wine list makes you want to hop in a car and head to Beechworth", enthused the Good Food judges. "Owners Michael Ryan and his partner, winemaker Jeanette Henderson, intelligently showcase the wines of their surrounding region, adding carefully chosen examples from France, Italy and Spain to give weight and context to the local selections. And at a time when many restaurants have begun dabbling in sake, it's a treat to find a list written by people who have invested so much time and money investigating Japan's sake culture, and know how to match sake to food".

Once again celebrating their One Chef's Hat Good Food Guide gongs today are the Bright restaurants, **Tani Eat & Drink** and **Simone's** and **The Terrace** at All Saints Winery, Wahgunyah. Joining their elite ranks for the first time this year is **Patricia's Table** at Brown Brothers at Milawa in the King Valley.

Tourism North East's Industry Development Manager, Sarah Pilgrim, described the awards as "a testament to both the quality of the chefs and the outstanding produce of the High Country which all five of the winners hero in their restaurants".

She said the five Chef's Hat award-winners were leaders in a region brimming with quality food experiences, ranging from locally roasted coffee, artisan chocolate, fresh farm-gate produce to handcrafted beer and sensational wines.

*Pictured: Michael Ryan, awarded two Chef's Hats & Best Regional Wine List 2017 (Picture credit Todd Porter & Diane Cu)*



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