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Celebrity Chef Pete Evans makes guests hungry for Cuisine

Television chef, author and judge from My Kitchen Rules Pete Evans will be cooking up a winter storm at Cuisine Restaurant at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa on Saturday July 7th.

With Cuisine's Executive Chef Greg Pieper by his side, the menu for this special dinner will feature some of the Snowy Mountain region's finest winter produce and will be matched with wines from the Margaret River's Voyager Estate. Tickets are $140 per person and can be booked online at www.lakecrackenback.com.au or by calling 02 6451 3000. Bookings are essential. Accommodation is available from $167.50 per person per night in a gold mountain-view studio (twin share) including daily hot breakfast for a minimum two night stay.

Both chefs, Pete Evans and Greg Pieper, share a healthy philosophy on food and that it should feature the freshest ingredients of the region and the season. The menu for the four-course July 7th dinner captures that.

The evening starts with a selection of Snowy Mountain inspired canapés matched with Voyager Estate 2011 Chenin Blanc. The canapés, which are primarily gluten free, include pork cheek with scallop and apple, sweet corn soup with local yabbies and smoked local rainbow trout salad on crispy wontons.

The entree features a master stock of local pork belly with black vinegar caramel with a vegetarian option of asparagus with egg yolk ravioli and brown butter sauce. The wine is Voyager Estate 2011 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc.

Steamed barramundi on a sweet potato puree with lime and coconut sauce is the main course. Vegetarians can enjoy a three bean curry with silverbeet, quinoa and yoghurt matched with a Voyager Estate 2008 chardonnay.

Dessert is a chocolate biscuit pudding with avocado ice cream and honeycomb finished with a Voyager Estate 2010 Shiraz.

Pete Evans is the author of five cook books, judge and presenter of Channel Seven's My Kitchen Rules, presenter on the Lifestyle Channel and the man behind the highly successful Hugo's restaurants and catering in Sydney and The Pantry in Melbourne.

Greg Pieper is the Executive Chef at Cuisine on Lake Crackenback Restaurant & Bar. Known as one of Australia's finest emerging chefs, Greg at his former restaurant in northern New South Wales, achieved three chef's hat by the coveted Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide, a fourth Star by the Courier Mail Good Food Guide awards, a third plate by Restaurant and Catering NSW for best informal restaurant Northern Region and was named Chef of the Year for four consecutive years by the Gold Coast Magazine Awards.

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About Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa:
Don't expect a run of the mill resort experience when you stay at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa. The property features more than 100 rooms ranging from overwater lake view apartments to mountain view chalets. Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa is located on the border of the Kosciuszko National Park and is just 18km from the ski-fields of Thredbo or a 15 minute ski tube train ride away from Perisher Ski Resort. A free shuttle bus takes guests to the ski tube each day as the station adjoins the property. When you are not skiing or boarding, you can enjoy the extensive facilities at Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa including an impressive day spa which draws on natural nurturing therapies of the Snowy Mountains, two restaurants and an array of free activities including golf, trampolines, canoeing, tennis, archery and 14 kms of mountain bike and walking trails. Before you leave Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa you should definitely try a Segway Eco Tour where you explore the local bush terrain on a no-emissions personal transporter and discover the winter beauty of the 150 acres of land around Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa on mountain bike. Another must-do activity (not in winter) is to go river sledding on the Thredbo River where you will see the beauty of the region from an incredible aspect: floating down the river on an inflatable sled and experience just a little bit of an adrenaline rush as you negotiate the rapids.
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Pic: Pete Evans – Celebrity Chef

Pic: Greg Pieper – Executive Chef – Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa