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## **YARRA VALLEY APPRENTICE CHEF TAKES OUT PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Earlier this month **Colin Wilson**, apprentice chef at **Chateau Yering** in the Yarra Valley was awarded the prestigious **Thierry Marx Career Development Award**.

Colin was awarded one of four prestigious scholarships to work in France alongside famed Michelin Star Chef - Thierry Marx at his 18th Century **Chateau Cordeillan-Bages** in Bordeaux.

And having spent 20 years as a fitter and turner, 36 year old Colin has arrived in the industry much later than most and plans to capitalise on this scholarship.

“I will make the most of this once in a lifetime opportunity and I plan to work hard, listen, learn and come back from France with even more inspiration, knowledge and skills on top of those I’ve gained during my time at Chateau Yering,” he said.

Colin will not only get the opportunity to work with a brilliant chef, but he will also spend two days in Paris working in the Thierry Marx Food Lab.

Chateau Yering Executive Chef, Mathew Macartney, is extraordinarily pleased for Colin.

“Colin will be missed for the month of July, but I couldn’t think of a more deserving apprentice chef to be spending a month in Bordeaux working with the genius that is Thierry Marx,” he said.

“Colin will obtain exposure to two-Michelin Star cuisine and service in his time in France, a unique opportunity that would be hard to obtain without this award”, said Macartney.

Located less than an hour's drive from Melbourne in Victoria's picturesque Yarra Valley, Chateau Yering is a stunningly restored, beautiful 1854 Victorian Mansion which sits grandly on a 250 acre estate in the heart of the Yarra Valley. The onsite award winning Eleonore's Restaurant offers diners the creative choice of ingredients and their daring combinations will ensure your fine dining experience will be long remembered.

The Yarra Valley is home to Victoria's oldest vineyards and is Victoria's premiere food and wine region and is bustling with cellar doors, winery tours, farmers markets, restaurants serving quality local produce and boutique accommodation.

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