



Australia loves celebrity chefs and Lyndall Vandenberg's are delighted to be associated with Stefano de Pieri of the prestigious award winning Stefano's Restaurant and Stefano's Café & Bakery.

Where it all began – the creation of Stefano's Preserves

Lyndall Vandenberg is the classic quiet achiever. A zealous foodie, Lyndall was working backstage at Stefano's Cafe & Bakery in Mildura at the height of its notoriety as one of the best regional offerings in Victoria. Seeing all the incredible produce come through the kitchen, she wanted to create an opportunity to showcase it more broadly. Lyndall approached friend and colleague, cook Stefano de Pieri and his partner in business and life Donata Carrazza, who shared a common passion for food and the region. And voila! In 2005, Stefano's Preserves was born. In the first month, Lyndall produced just 20 jars. Now, some 50,000 jars are made each year, all still in small batches, and all from the same humble kitchen with two stoves, one combi oven and some pretty decent sized pots. Not to mention a decent helping of laughter and passion. Lyndall strives to optimise the availability of the seasonal produce to create amazing jars bursting with colour, flavour, texture and goodness!

Featuring relishes, chutneys, antipasto, preserves, sauces, jams and asian pastes, each bears the Stefano's stamp of approval – a mythical creature, part fish, part bird – that reflects the nature of the Murray River ecosystem.

Lyndall values the strong bond between supplier and producer, and the relationship with local growers feeds an important sense of community. Today, Lyndall still ventures out to the local paddocks and orchards to see what's looking good and tasting great, ensuring the produce is harvested at their peak of freshness and flavour. With produce selected, she heads straight back to the kitchen where she and her cracker-jack team Ryan Casey and Tara Radcliffe hand craft and create masterful preserves that will make your senses swoon and inspire your cooking creativity.

It's a process and a philosophy that ensures Lyndall Vandenberg's products are made with the greatest integrity.