

Roberta Ann Muir

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

M.A., Gastronomy, 2003
University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia

Advanced Wine Assessment Course, AWRI (Australian Wine Research Institute), 2005
WSET (Wine & Spirit Education Trust) Advanced Certificate, 2001

Certificate in Marketing, 2000
Macquarie Graduate School of Management (in conjunction with Australian Institute of Management), Sydney, Australia
Associate Member of the Australian Marketing Institute

Certificate 3 Hospitality (Commercial Cookery), 2000
Hospitality Training College, Sydney, Australia

B.A., Literature and Linguistics, 1988
Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

Diploma of Natural Therapies
Diploma of Botanical Medicine, 1987
New South Wales College of Natural Therapies, Sydney, Australia

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Roberta has an enduring interest in food and wine, which she has pursued through study; European, Asian, African and Mid-Eastern travel; membership in a number of food and wine industry associations; and employment in the food industry (specifically seafood and specialty cheese). Roberta assisted chef Janni Kyritsis to write his cookbook *Wild Weed Pie*, is the author of *500 Cheeses, the only cheese compendium you'll ever need* (published in 6 countries), writes restaurant reviews, recipes and food, wine and travel articles on a freelance basis for food and wine publications. A keen cook, who also enjoys eating out often, she is a voracious reader of all things culinary. Her strengths lie in her organisational ability, eye for detail and contacts within the food and wine industry.

INDUSTRY MEMBERSHIPS:

- Australian association of Food Professionals (previously Food Media Club)
- Guild of Food Writers (UK)

PUBLISHED:

- *500 Cheese* (New Holland, 2010) – also UK, USA, Singaporean, Italian & Dutch editions
- *Wild Weed Pie* (Penguin, 2006) – writer's assistant to Janni Kyritsis
- Jetstar Inflight Magazine (monthly food and beverage pages)
- Australian Gourmet Traveller
- American Express Centurion Magazine
- Singaporean publications: Wine & Dine, and New Asia Cuisine & Wine Scene

RESTAURANT REVIEWS:

- Australian Gourmet Traveller Restaurant Guide (2004 – current)
- Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide (2005 – 2010)

RADIO:

2GB weekly restaurant review segment with Chris Smith (2003 - 2005)

OTHER TRAINING

2008	Responsible Service of Alcohol (Certificate # 438325)
2005	Cheese Judge Advanced Level, University of Melbourne (Gilbert Chandler Campus)
2002	I.O.O.C. Professional Olive Oil Tasting (2 day course)