



T'Gallant's Sponsor Success At The 2008 Melbourne Food And Wine Festival

Mornington producer T'Gallant enjoyed the **sixteenth Melbourne Food and Wine Festival** as one of the official wine sponsors, which was held from February 22nd – March 8th 2008.

T'Gallant highlights included:

Take a Taxi to Alsace

Hosted by T'Gallant winemaker Kevin McCarthy who introduced his winemaking colleague Frederic Blanck from Alsace, winemaker at his family's Paul Blanck winery.

The two enjoyed sharing their white winemaking affairs, which focussed on Alsatian varietals, Riesling, Gewurztraminer and of course – Pinot Gris.

Each wine was matched to a superb dish that made up a lengthy but delicate six course degustation menu and the food and wine matches were spot on! Of particular interest was Frederic's Gewurztraminer and the foie gras, where the delicate fruit flavours and naturally racy acidity of the wine were a perfect foil to the rich, creamy nature of the foie gras.

Kevin's T'Gallant Tribute Pinot Gris added some texture and freshness on the palate to some Asian inspired John Dory fillets. The crunchy pear acidity was clean and lithe, while the rich texture complemented the delicate John Dory flavours.

The Taxi team lead by executive chef Michael Lambie can be commended on the evening. It's easy to see how this restaurant has rocketed to the top of the Melbourne food and wine scene, winning the ultimate three hat rating from The Age's Good Food Guide in the process.

T'Gallant also made a guest appearance at the biggest and best BBQ ever – The **Connex Sizzle! The Great Aussie BBQ**. Neil Perry, Frank Camorra and a host of other top Aussie chefs celebrated the art of the Aussie barbecue. T'Gallant wines was served exclusively at the event, held in Federation Square on Saturday 1st March.

T'Gallant were also involved with 65 other Victorian wineries at **Cellar Door at Southgate, which took place on** March 1st and 2nd. T'Gallant showcased their new release wines to a throng of winelovers along the banks of the Yarra, while also hosting the T'Gallant "Sips and Spits" competition.

Kevin McCarthy (T'Gallant) and Director of Wine Education for the Napa Valley's Stags' Leap Winery, Matt Lane, helped to host The Global Wine Experience – as part of the Langham Melbourne MasterClass – as well as other wine events in conjunction with Sommeliers Australia.