

simple marinade of ginger, d chicken garlic, and curry powder stirred through natural yoghurt. They low peas. perfect were OK, the suggested mintand-chutney yoghurt dipping exture sauce a nice addition. tea Best for: The cricket fan who

can't cook

THE TIVOLI ROAD BAKER

By Michael James (Hardie Grant, \$60)

The pitch: Michael James, who's rightfully considered one of our best bakers, shares the recipes from his South Yarra bakery that's rightfully considered one of the city's best. **Bread obviously** plays a big part of the bakery and also in the book, which has in-depth instructions for sourdough starters,

kneading and baking

at home, joined by recipes

for pastries, tarts and British

heritage

The dish: More often than not sold out by early lunchtime at the bakery, I gave making Michael's pork, caramelised apple and fennel sausage rolls a whirl and ... I reckon it takes the win for best-ever sausage roll recipe! The sweetness of the apple with the fennel-fragrant meat makes for a match hard to beat. Worth the price of entry alone

Best for: Bakers, bread makers and sausage roll aficionados.



CHIN CHIN By Benjamin Cooper (chinchinrestaurant.com.au, \$49.95)

The pitch: Menus designed for different scenarios from one of Melbourne's - and now Sydney's — favourite restaurants. There's brunch for four, romantic dinner for two, a kids party for 18 and a barbecue for 10. It's gloriously shot in covetable lifestyle fashion, and along with a hefty dose of Chin Chin cheekiness, chef Benjamin Cooper's recipes are easy to follow - though they do draw on an extensively stocked Asian pantry, and having an Asian

grocer on speed dial will help. The shopping and prep list for each menu is a clever touch.

The dish: One from the brunch menu, the stirfried noodles with ausage and broccolini a flavour-first burst of alty goodness to get the by underway. Heady with op cheong and rich with rk sausage, it's a wok star sh for the AM.

Best for: (Dinner) party people.

CHARCUTERIE DIARY

By P.J. Booth (acharcuteriediary.com.au, \$74.99)

The pitch: A personal diary from "a humble enthusiast", this deeply engaging and encyclopaedic tome on all things cured is a joy to read. It's idiosyncratic. funny and earnest in equal measure, filled with inspiration for anyone with more than a passing interest in bacon. The dish: Not quite ready to embark on my own journey of salt, smoke and curing meat (that's a resolution for 2018 right there), I instead delved into the classics chapter - corned beef, gravlax, pickled eggs and the like. I made chicken liver parfait, which worked well although the method unfortunately omits adding the salt, which I only realised upon the first mouthful of the otherwise excellent parfait. Best for: The best kind of meat head.



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