

# Curriculum Vitae for Jacques Botha



# Personal Details

- Full Name: Jacques Botha
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- Date of Birth: 1 May 1970
- Nationality: South African
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# Personal Background

Jacques Botha ,engaging and eclectic. A self-taught chef , Jacques brings a unique creativity and sizzling passion to his kitchen .

Hailing from Cape Town, Jacques' lifelong love affair with food saw him cooking for his family since the age of eight and took him around the globe, visiting 221 cities in 43 countries as he immersed himself in the world of fine food in all its marvelous diversity. "Food is an integral part of life and travel. I don't have any formal training as a chef, I educated myself through my travels, driven by a passion to grasp the essence of fabulous food," says Jacques.

Jacques' 20 years of being a chef is as colorful as his inspirations. He has cooked for former US president, George Bush, at the L'Ormarins Wine Estate in Franschoek. His illustrious career started at the Royal Cape Yacht Club in Cape Town at age 18. Following a stint at Hard Rock Café and a few other places, Jacques' entrepreneurial flair led him to open several establishments including :

...and Lemon, The Yellow Pepper Deli, Fresh, Poplars, The Wild Fig and Ovarions in the Pieter Toerin Theatre in Cape Town.

# Personal Background (cntd)

Following a three year sabbatical, during which Jacques got married and became a father in 2005, he has relocated to Johannesburg and returned to the kitchen with vigour as the Executive Chef at Southern Sun Hotels.

Jacques says that when designing menus for dinner parties, he draws his inspiration from his guests. “For example, when I cooked for Sandra Prinsloo, a popular South African actress, I was inspired to make glazed beetroot and ginger toffee apples spiked with ginger ice-cream for dessert.”

Some of Jacques signature dishes are so successful and popular, he refers to them as “gastronome currency”. “My chocolate Torte responsible for my travel fetish! I also do a roast duck, which has sent me around the world so many times. I was taught how to do it in France. I don’t take shortcuts. I do it the traditional way, which people love and are willing to pay for.”

It is no surprise then, that when asked what his life motto is, Jacques replies simply: “Is it the best that it could possibly be?”

# Personal Areas of Strength

- Passion for cooking
- Creative & Innovative
- Solid knowledge of cooking/ingredients/technique
- Staff motivation training
- HACCP
- Control of stock & kitchen operation
- Financial control of operation
- Set up of new operation
- Conceptualizing of menus

# Career History

**Letters of reference to be supplied on request.**

- 2009 to present                      Southern Sun Hotels Executive chef
- 2009 (Apr – Jul)                      Mangiare Restaurant Executive Chef
- 2007-2009                              Mish Cuisine catering Cape Town – Gauteng
- 2005-2007                              Mish Cuisine Restaurants CBD, Cape Town Owner/operator
- 2000-2004                              Poplars Restaurant  
Living at D'aria      (12 \*\*\*\* guest cottages)  
Sensorium at D'aria (venue seating 300)  
(Durbanville, Cape Town)  
Owner/operator

# Career History (cntd)

- 2002-2004                      Catering from D'aria outside catering company  
Durbanville, Cape Town Owner/operator
- 1997-2001                      ...and Lemon Restaurant CBD, Cape  
Town    Owner/operator
- 1997- 2004                      Woolworths food stylist
- 1997-1999                      Fresh heritage square CBD, Cape  
Town    Owner/operator
- 1995-1997                      The Wild Fig Restaurant Mowbray, Cape  
Town    Owner/operator
- 1994-1997                      Ovations Theatre on the Bay, Camps Bay, Cape  
Town    Owner/operator
- 1993-1995                      The Yellow Pepper Deli and Eatery CBD, Cape  
Town    Owner/operator

# Personal Mission Statement



**As part of my mission,**

**"providing you with the best it could possibly be"**