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■ There is an international feel in Margaret River these days. The other day, it seemed that almost as much French as English was being spoken on Redgate Beach. It is grape-picking season, adding to the international flavour, and the talk of backpacker

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train cars high in Canada's Rocky Mountains and private motor yachts in northern Australia but I am closer to home. I turn off Caves Road, near Wilyabrup and into Clairault winery just in time for lunch. And what a treat it is. Jake, who was born in Walpole and raised on a small farm in a subsistence-living community, is head chef here. His food is described as "contemporary with a conscience", using mostly ethical and local ingredients, and infusing global styling. I have never met Jake personally [I gleaned all this from Clairault's website], but I have met him through his food. We had the most fantastic lunch at Clairault. Brilliant. (And \$50 for a main course and either entrée or dessert and a glass of wine.) I'll give you a taster: for entrée, an orange brioche with chardonnay jelly. Jake's other interests include surfing, fishing and spending time with his family. He clearly has the right spot.

websites. Fruit picking is the backpackers' lifesaver, says one. Anyone interested in the fruit-picking cycle across the State (which also gives an insight into our seasonality and horticulture) might look at [www.workstay.com.au/backpacker\\_harvest\\_jobs.htm](http://www.workstay.com.au/backpacker_harvest_jobs.htm). ■ There's more on the Margaret River area in pages 33 to 37 — there's plenty on food and wine, places to stay, and things to do, from a maze to a cave.

### GALAPAGOS COMPETITION

The Galapagos Islands are iconic for their amazing animals and plant life. Galapagos tortoise, marine and land iguanas, lava lizards, penguins and Darwin's "Famous Finches".

And next Saturday in *Travel*, we launch a competition which will give a reader and their guest the chance to experience the Galapagos, with Peregrine Adventures.

The 10-day Galapagos trip with

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