

LAST COURSE.

# THE PERFECT FINISH

**Pascale Gomes-McNabb** is known for designing polished and playful restaurants in Melbourne and Sydney, and she brings the same verve to at-home entertaining.



**SWEET OR SAVOURY** I'll make an apple crumble or clafoutis, or pick up a chocolate kugelhupf from Monarch Cakes in [Melbourne's]

Acland Street. I also love serving a huge slab of hazelnut chocolate, and cheeses with brioche, quince paste and Dr Karg crispbread.

**DIVINE DIGESTIFS** Cocktails, champagne or both. I like Taittinger, Ruinart and Pol Roger. We tend to make margaritas and negronis the most.

**TABLETOP CHOICES** My dining table is charred black timber. It's a beautiful foil for white linen and colourful elements. I have a new range of Stelton dinnerware, Mark Douglass glasses, metal vessels, cut-glass bowls and antique Japanese things. It's always all jumbled together, though I like to think I have curated it.

**CUTTING EDGE** I have a few stainless-steel cutlery sets, including Georg Jensen, Jean Nouvel and Arne Jacobsen flatware, as well as Antonio Citterio tableware I used in the first restaurant I opened.

**DÉCOR FLOURISHES** I aim for an array of objects and artworks, new and old. A beautiful 19th-century copper fluted jelly mould next to a bright-red Anne-Marie May perspex sculpture. In terms of flowers, I like red orchids with pink lilies.

**JEWEL TONES** I wear a lot of sculptural rings by Adrian Lewis, Ann Demeulemeester and Zaha Hadid. A favourite shop in Melbourne is Gallery Funaki.

**PARTY TIME** It depends on the crowd, and how people synchronise, but I like to have a bit of fun. Playing dress-ups, swapping clothes and dancing might happen after dinner. ✂

Therese Hilbert 'Sphere' ring in blackened sterling silver; Blanche Tilden 'U' ring in titanium and black Borosilicate glass; Carlier Makigawa ring in blackened sterling silver; Maureen Faye-Chauhan ring in sterling silver, all Gallery Funaki; Style 1 drinking glasses in green, Mark Douglass Design; Arne Jacobsen for Stelton 'Cylinda-Line' coasters (set of 6) in brushed steel, Top 3 by design; 'Fatto a Mano' Champagne glasses, Riedel; Ruinart Blanc de Blancs Champagne.

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