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## **Marlborough Wine Festival 2008 - Marlborough Express 11 February 2008**

The best food and wine match competition was taken out by Marlborough Vintners Hotel. Chef Maree Connolly served up seared Marlborough scallops infused with lemon and fresh garden herbs resting on fresh egg pasta with a light cream seafood and Riesling sauce matched with Forrest Estate 2007 Riesling.

Judge Belinda Jackson said the flavours were well balanced, fresh and delicate and worked perfectly with the rich off dry Riesling.

Marlborough Vintners Hotel general manager Dave Anderson said winning was "fantastic" and he was "so proud of Maree and her team".

Maree Connolly said they choose the wine and tasted that first to break down all the layers of the flavours and built the dish from that.

"I have just got the most amazing team working behind me." The team beat out other tantalising creations such as infused salmon, premium game rabbit and barbecued scallops to take out the top prize.

