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## Short Order: Jayne Powell

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Jayne Powell, champagne expert and award-winning author. Picture: Renee Nowytarger  
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**CHAMPAGNE expert and award-winning author Jayne Powell shares her food highs and lows.**

**Best recent dining experience:** A private champagne degustation dinner at Vue de Monde in Melbourne. Shannon Bennett's food engaged all my senses.

**Must-buy ingredient:** Fresh lemon and ginger goes with most things.

**Most embarrassing pantry item:** A stash of mini Milky Ways.

**Can't live without:** Salmon sashimi and edamame.

**What I'm cooking at home:** I'm all about healthy barbecues - snapper and salmon with fresh herbs, served with salad and vinaigrette.

**Next big thing:** Celebrities (not celebrity chefs) showing the public how to cook real food.

**I hate:** Deceptive restaurant menus where it's all about style, not substance.

**Favourite cuisine:** French and Japanese.

**Worst meal I ever ate:** While backpacking in Spain and Portugal with university mates, one day I ended up with a rather large fish head swimming in a briny sauce.

**Biggest culinary influence:** My French penpal's father (a hotelier in La Rochelle) changed my life when he

introduced me to fine food and wine as a teenage exchange student.

**Favourite cookbooks:** Donna Hay's *Instant Entertaining*, Jamie Oliver's *Happy Days with the Naked Chef* and Carol Duval-Leroy's *Femme de Champagne*.

**My last supper:** Oven-baked lobster with lemon butter, served with truffle oil mashed potatoes, matched to an aged Salon (prestige cuvee blanc de blancs)

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