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Couple of years ago I met Miles Smart the farmer in charge of Cherry Lane Farm in Richmond. He showed up to the restaurant that I was working with Italian parsley and some zucchini, after looking at the parsley I was sold...the relationship started right there.

Miles is a third generation farmer, his grandfather built the farm on this land. For the past couple of years I have had the pleasure of cooking through the seasons with vegetables and fruit that he has grown.



One of the many things that I like about

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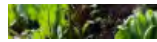
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One of the many things that I like about Miles is that he grows so many different kinds of vegetables. With this variety you can truly have the sensation of the



changing seasons. It starts with rhubarb and garlic scapes in spring, and moves on to zucchini, potatoes, carrots, fennel, cucumbers, peas, beets, squash, tomatoes, beans – the list goes on until the end of the fall.



He also has an orchard with apples, cherries and plums. Last year, at [Diva](#), we had the opportunity to preserve some of his plums and come winter we served it with our lamb dish.



Miles has come up with a way of keeping the apple loving worms off of his apple trees; his solution to this problem was to build and fence around his apple orchard and fill it up with chickens. This way we get to have organic eggs for our [new brunch menu](#) and tasty apples

later in the season that did not get sprayed with any pesticides.



Miles has invested in some beehives as well, which help pollinate his plants, and at the same time make liquid gold. We've already placed our order for 40 kg of honey and I personally can't wait!



If you are looking for farm fresh produce and other goodies I highly recommend looking him up. He sells right on the property, and during cherry season he lets you pick your own.

I also have posted some images of food that we cook at [Diva](#) from what

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