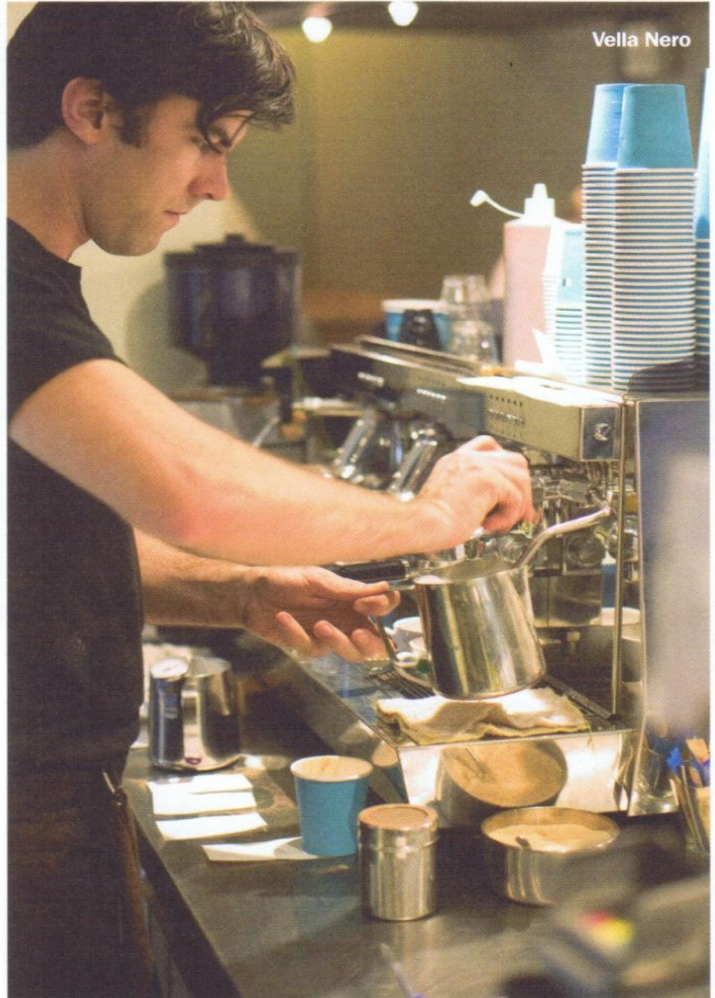


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Vella Nero CBD

'Bella' stands sentry at Vella Nero's Clarence Street headquarters – she's big, broad, heavily aromatic, hard grinding and sparkling with lascivious intent. She's Vella Nero's on-premises roaster and from her loins spring six uniformly excellent, Arabica dominated blends: PNG A-Kimel, Colombian Water Decaf (aka Matterhorn), Sumatra Mandheling, Kuda Mas, Ethiopian Limu, Brazilian Detera and our pick – their award-winning, super-smooth, soft-punching Designer Blend, perfect with Riverina milk or Bonsoy soy. As a home of coffee couture, Vella are a "roastery, coffee bean boutique and caffè bar", dishing out beans, cakes, pies and toasties over two levels to A-grade caffeine fans.

► Shop 3, 259 Clarence St, Sydney 2000. (02 9268 0755 www.vellanero.com.au). Mon–Fri 7am–4pm.



OFF THE SHELF Vella Nero Designer Blend (★★★★★)

The 2008 Sydney Royal Fine Food Show champion espresso and gold medal winner is an all-round pearl, carrying light fruit, acid dabs, a nutty gutter and high floral notes.

