



SEASONAL MENU
AUTUMN / WINTER
2018
FOOD STATIONS

E P I C U R E



EPICURE PHILOSOPHY

By keeping up-to-date with the latest in food trends, EPICURE sets the benchmark for responsible catering using quality foods grown and produced locally. Our culinary team produce seasonal menus that draw on the best food available in the market.

Today, EPICURE is proud to be at the forefront of ethically responsible catering. We only work with suppliers who demonstrate best practices. This means minimum harm and maximum enjoyment for everyone.

MENU KEY

(v) vegetarian (may contain egg, dairy products and/or honey)

(vg) vegan (contains no animal products)

(gfp) gluten-friendly product*

(nfp) nut-friendly product*

*Although this dish is prepared with gluten or nut-free products, we cannot guarantee it is 100% gluten or nut-free as the dish is prepared in kitchens that also use gluten products and nuts.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

If any of your guests have particular dietary requirements, please advise us as soon as possible prior to your event.

NOTE

Due to the seasonal nature of this menu, some items may not always be available. While we will endeavour to provide your desired selection, we may need to make substitutions from time to time.

FOOD STATION OPTIONS

Only available in conjunction with a cocktail package. minimum 50 guest.

AMERICA & MEXICO STREET FOOD

Enjoy a magnificent selection of favourites from America & Mexico's best known street foods!
 New York hot dog, cheese, American mustard, or ketchup in a buttermilk soft bun
 southern fried crispy chicken, Cajun spiced mayo
 three cheese & spinach quesadilla with guacamole
 Gippsland beef sliders, pickle, cheese, ketchup and sesame bun
 beef taco or refried bean & pepper taco, cheese, tomato salsa

YUM CHA TREATS

A scene from a vibrant night market in Asia with woks of Asian vegetables & herbs, large cane steamer baskets cooking a delicious selection of Chinese bbq pork buns, teriyaki chicken skewers, lemongrass prawn, dumplings, vegetable spring rolls with a selection of dipping sauces, soy, sweet chilli, and black vinegar dressing

PIZZERIA

House made crusty pizza slabs with various toppings including,
 Margherita, roma tomato, bocconcini cheese & basil
 Pepperoni – salami, mozzarella,
 Caramelised onion –Yarra Valley Persian feta
 Tropical – ham, cheese & pineapple

OLD STYLE DELI

Smoked & cured meats, featuring prosciutto & salami, free range ham, artisan cheeses from the Yarra Valley, pickled & marinated vegetables, mount zero olive, crusty breads & house made grissini, Yellingbo extra virgin olive oil

CHARCUTERIE BAR

Chicken liver parfait, smoked & cured meats, artisan cheeses from the Yarra Valley, age cheddar, pickled onion & cornichons, selection of chutneys, crusty baguettes with salted butter.

SUSHI BAR

A colourful sushi table featuring nigiri, uramaki & California rolls with banana leaves, Japanese plates & bowls with chopsticks, arrange of traditional condiments, soy sauce, pickled ginger & wasabi paste made to order by Japanese chefs

PEKING DUCK

Witness making one of the most classic dishes in the world – see our Chinese chefs expertly portion the crisp roasted ducks to order & wrap them in fine crêpes with crisp vegetables, spring onions & sweet hoisin sauce

SEAFOOD BAR

A selection of oysters from regions of Australia displayed on ice and freshly shucked at the bar, served natural with lemon and lime wedges, freshly peeled spencer gulf prawns with classic cocktail sauce, smoked Tasmanian salmon with crème fraîche, lilliput capers, red onion, dill & Yarra Valley salmon caviar

SWEET TREATS

An array of decadent house made sweets & desserts including little tartlets, slices, chocolate truffles & macarons, sweet jars

REGIONAL VICTORIAN CHEESE

Hand selected artisan cheeses from around Victoria presented on wooden boards with quince paste, dried muscatels, fresh pear & served with sliced vine fruit loaf, crisp bread, wafer crackers & lavosh

CHEESE & SWEETS TABLE

An array of decadent house made sweets & desserts including little brulée tartlets, macarons, profiteroles. hand selected artisan cheeses from around Victoria presented on wooden boards with quince paste, dried muscatels, fresh pear & served with sliced vine fruit loaf, crisp bread, wafer crackers & lavosh

AMERICAN SWEET TABLE

An array of American themed sweets & desserts including little pecan pie, peanut butter cups, 's'mores' tartlet, oreo trifle, jam filled donuts , New York cheese cake, caramel popcorn

PRODUCE NOTES

MEAT & POULTRY

HIGH COUNTRY PORK is barn raised and the pigs are free to roam within eco shelters that are designed to keep them clean and healthy. Although they do not have access to an outdoor range, animals in this system can move around freely while benefiting from protection from predators, cold winters, and the harsh Australian sun. We do not use any cage reared pork on any of our menus.

FREE-RANGE CHICKEN is our preference at EPICURE. We source the best local free range chicken which both supports local producers and means the chickens are **reared in the most humane way possible**, living as nature intended.

Our **SMALLGOODS AND CURED MEATS** are exclusively made for us by a local Italian family business in Carlton. They exclusively use free range pork for our products, cured in the traditional Italian way without the use of moisture, artificial enhancers, or humidity controls.

FISH & SEAFOOD

SPENCER GULF & West Coast prawn fisheries pride themselves on being at the forefront of fisheries management in Australia and have set a benchmark in achieving an **ecologically sustainable industry**, adopted as a model not only in Australian state and national fisheries, but internationally as well.

YARRA VALLEY SALMON specialises in producing farmed salmon grown using the pristine waters of the Rubicon river, one hour from Melbourne. Experts claim this salmon is the closest in appearance and flavour to a wild Atlantic salmon due to the cleanliness of the water and the fact that the fish are constantly swimming against the flow of the river.

YARRA VALLEY SALMON CAVIAR is highest quality salmon roe produced in Australia. The farmed fish are gently milked in the most humane way before being released back into the water.

We use only **AUSTRALIAN SEAFOOD** on our menus, ordered in fresh daily from the Footscray market daily. Australian fisheries are administered according to the principles of **ecologically sustainable development (ESD)** and Australia is a world leader in sustainable fisheries management both wild caught and aquaculture systems.

AQUACULTURE refers to raising fish, prawns, oysters, and other marine or freshwater foods under controlled conditions in water, either in ponds on shore or contained in net cages located in bays or in the open ocean.

PRODUCE NOTES

DAIRY

SHAW RIVER BUFFALO MOZZARELLA is Australia's only water buffalo farm house dairy and is located alongside the Shaw River near the small coastal town of Yambuk in Victoria's southwest. The cows are milked daily with an average milk production of 8 litres per cow. The milk is porcelain white and has a smooth sweet taste. It contains twice the milk solids of cow's milk, about 30% more calcium and has high levels of antioxidants. We use Shaw River buffalo mozzarella as preference over any other local product.

TATURA BUTTER is an excellent Victorian produced butter. Tatura Milk was established in 1907 and is located at Tatura, 20km west of Shepparton. Tatura is supplied by approximately 330 local dairy farms and the majority of the supplying farms are located within a 30km radius of the factory.

MEREDITH DAIRY is a small specialist farmhouse dairy situated halfway between Ballarat and Geelong in Victoria. All Meredith cheeses are hand made using French farmhouse methods and mostly French derived cultures. We use Meredith cheeses throughout our menus because of their unique flavour, texture, appearance and aroma and are truly world class.

TARAGO RIVER CHEESE COMPANY is located high on a hill looking down on the beautiful Tarago River and reservoir in Victoria's Gippsland, just over an hour from Melbourne. A family owned and run company, it is a joint venture between the Jensen and Johnson families. We choose Tarago cheese because of its superior consistent quality and traditional processes.

YARRA VALLEY DAIRY is a small family business started by Mary and Leo Mooney in 1995 on their dairy farm in one of the most picturesque wine regions of Australia. The property carries 200 top quality cattle. They are milked in a herringbone milking shed twice daily, in early morning and late afternoon, after which they are led to a fresh pasture to feed overnight. The milk is run from the milking shed directly to the cheese factory. Non animal rennet is used and is vegetarian and gm free.

OLIVES

YELLINGBO is Melbourne's closest olive oil producer, a family operated business from the Three Bridges farm, a small family run estate. The award-winning Yellingbo Gold Extra Virgin olive oil is made using only traditional methods from the first cold pressing of handpicked olives.

MOUNT ZERO OLIVE GROVE, a family owned business, is one of the oldest olive groves in Australia with a total of 6000 Spanish Manzanilla and Gordal olive trees. Mount Zero Olives is located three hours west of Melbourne, on the northern edge of the Grampians national park. Their success is due to an uncompromising commitment to sustainable organic/biodynamic agriculture.