

MERNE

AT LIGHTHOUSE

Merne is an indigenous name for "food from the earth". We believe it is an apt descriptor for the food we serve in our little restaurant. Looking out the large windows you can gaze for miles at the extraordinary views, encompassing the olive grove, newly planted grape vines, paddocks of the Bellarine and in the distance, Port Phillip Bay.

Merne at Lighthouse is owned and operated by Chef Josh Smith and Front of House Manager Caleb Fleet. Josh honed his skills at the acclaimed Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld, Gordon Ramsay's 'Maze' in Southbank and Tulip Bar and Restaurant. He brings a significant amount of experience to the kitchen, which shows in the flavours and textures in the food he offers. "I want it to be a relaxed experience for diners. I have tried to create an interesting menu that people can share. with my hope that they discover something new and exciting," he says.

Oakdene Vineyards purchased the property from Marcus Oldham Agricultural College in 2016 and have planted extensively on the grounds. Merne at Lighthouse is proud to showcase the Oakdene Wines as they have been consistently rated as one of the region's top producers now for many years.



TO START

BELLARINE DISTILLERY

Bellarine Distillery or "The Whiskery", located in Scotchman's Hill Rd, produce Gins of outstanding quality. They use a handful of the highest quality botanicals, showcasing simple yet powerful fusions of flavour.

Teddy & the Fox Gin & Tonic	14
<i>Valencia orange, Lemon myrtle, Coriander seed, Star Anise, Orris Root</i>	
Rosie & the Rabbits Gin & Tonic	16
<i>Organic Turkish apricot, Black lime, Grains of paradise, Angelica root, Pinot noir barrel</i>	
The Old Dodger (Navy Strength) Gin & Tonic	15
<i>Rosemary, Local saltbush, Walnut, Tarragon, Lemon zest</i>	
Trooper & the Roo Gin & Grapefruit	15
<i>Cacao, Wattle seed, Almond, Grapefruit, Pink peppercorn, Orris Root</i>	
Dark (Matter)and Stormy	15
<i>"Dark Matter" is Scotland's first and only rum producer and uses fresh ginger, crushed green peppercorn and allspice berry. We mix this with a spicy ginger beer, mint, fresh lime and bitters</i>	
A Native Negroni	16
<i>Four Pillars Spiced Negroni Gin, Maidenii Sweet Vermouth, Applewood Okar Amaro</i>	
Dry Martini	21
<i>Teddy & the Fox Gin, Maidenii dry Vermouth, Olive</i>	
Limoncello Spritz	18
<i>Adelaide Hills "Braccioforte" Limoncello, Sparkling, soda</i>	
White Peach Sour	18
<i>Chermette crème de peche with the addition of ginger root, Gin, Lemon, Syrup</i>	
Espresso Mernetini	22
<i>Kahlua, Vodka, Frangelico, Baileys. Espresso</i>	

NON-ALCOHOLIC

Peas and Herbs	12
<i>Seedlip "Garden 108" is a distilled non-alcoholic spirit. It consists of handpicked peas, fresh hay and garden herbs. We serve this with Capi "Native" Tonic and Lemon Verbena</i>	
Orange, Clove and Tonic	12
<i>Seedlip "Spice 94" is a distilled non-alcoholic spirit. It's an aromatic, complex blend of barks, spices and citrus. We serve this with Capi Tonic and a squeeze of blood orange</i>	
Ginger, Lime and Stormy	9
<i>Spiced ginger beer, fresh lime, bitters and ginger mint</i>	
Blood Rose	9
<i>Sparkling Blood orange, rosemary syrup and thyme powder</i>	

WINE BY THE GLASS

150ml

16 Oakdene "Kristen" Sparkling Blanc de Blanc Bellarine 14

Crafted from 100% Chardonnay fruit from the Oakdene vineyard, its pale straw in colour with lifted notes of citrus, spice, and apple

19 Clonakilla Riesling Canberra 14

This Canberra Riesling tastes zesty yet is relatively ripe and rich. Although quite dry overall, its intense flavours hint at a little fruit sweetness

18 Oakdene "Ly Ly" Pinot Gris Bellarine 12

Another lovely food friendly wine from the Oakdene team. Rich and textural, this Gris is full of tropical fruits and spice, finishing with lively acidity and length

17 Printhie "Topography" Chardonnay Orange 13

A delicious chardonnay from Orange. Its 100% barrel fermented, of which 30% is new oak. It then undergoes malolactic fermentation softening the acid structure

17 Bests Rose Great Western 13

A predominantly Pinot Noir based Rose with a touch of Shiraz. Its aromatic on the nose and juicy in texture

18 Oakdene "Peta's" Pinot Noir Bellarine 15

Savoury and spice, earth with dark cherries. This is pure Bellarine Pinot Noir.

18 Serra Barcelo "Aucala" Garnacha Tinto Terra Alta 14

From the region of Terra Alta, south west of Barcelona, this Garnacha is softer in style. Silky tannins, firm acidity and savoury.

18 Oakdene Shiraz Bellarine 12

Wonderful ripe, blackberry and dark cherry notes. Medium to full bodied, fine tannins with balanced acidity.

17 Voyager Estate "Girt by Sea" Cabernet Merlot Margaret River 14

Classic Margaret River Cabernet characteristics, blackcurrant, dark cherry milk chocolate

GOOD BEER

Prickly Moses "Otway" Light	Barongarook	6
Southern Bay Brew Co. Lager	Geelong	8
Nomad "Saltpan Cerveza" Mexican Lager	Sydney	11
Blackmans Brewery "Juicy Banger" India Pale Lager	Torquay	11
Mountain Goat "Summer" Ale	Melbourne	10
Mother Earth Brew Co. "Creamsicle" Vanilla, Orange Cream Ale	USA	13
La Sirene Saison	Melbourne	17
Rogue "Honey Kolsch"	USA	13
De Ranke "Simplex" Belgian Blonde	Belgium	13
Mother Earth Brew Co "Call me Ginger" Blonde Ale w ginger & lemon	USA	13
Clown Shoes "Clementine" White Ale brewed with coriander (475ml)	USA	17
Yeastie Boys "Rex Attitude" Peat Smoked Strong Golden Ale	New Zealand	15
Revel Brewing "Pavlova" Sour	Brisbane	13
La Sirene "Citray" Sour	Melbourne	11
Southern Bay Brew Co XPA Pale Ale	Geelong	9
Kaiju "Krush" Pale Ale	Melbourne	10
To Øl "Snublejuice" Session IPA	Denmark	13
Old Wives Ales "Old Man Yells at Cloud" NEIPA	Melbourne	13
Revel Brewing "Ella" Hazy SHIPA	Brisbane	13
Rogue "Batsquatch" Hazy IPA	USA	14
3 Ravens "Choc Mint Milkshake" IPA	Melbourne	13
La Sirene "Farmhouse" Red	Melbourne	17
Ballistic "Hot Chocolate Mexican" Cocoa, Chilli & Spices Stout	Brisbane	12
La Sirene "Praline" Cacao, Hazelnut & Vanilla Stout	Melbourne	13
Old Wives Ales "Imperial Choc Walnut Brownie"	Melbourne	13
Mother Earth Brew Co. "Sin Tax" Imperial Peanut Butter Stout	USA	15
Valhalla "Gallowtree" Oatmeal Stout (440ml)	Torquay	16
Three Weavers "South Bounder" Coffee Stout (650ml)	California	24
Flying Brick "Original" Cider	Bellarine	10

SPARKLING

NV Oakdene	<i>Pinot Noir, Chardonnay</i>	Bellarine	45
16 Oakdene "Kristin"	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Bellarine	65
15 Oakdene "Yvette"	<i>Pinot Noir, Chardonnay</i>	Bellarine	65
NV Villa Sandi	<i>Prosecco</i>	Treviso, Italy	55
16 Bests	<i>Sparkling Shiraz</i>	Great Western	65
NV Laherte Freres "Ultra Tradition"	<i>Pinot Noir, Chardonnay</i>	Champagne	155
NV Larmandier Bernier	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Champagne	195

RIESLING

19 Adelina "Watervale"	<i>Riesling</i>	Clare Valley	55
18 Eden Road	<i>Riesling</i>	Canberra	55
19 Bests "Great Western"	<i>Riesling</i>	Great Western	55
19 Clonakilla	<i>Riesling</i>	Canberra	59
18 Bannockburn	<i>Riesling</i>	Geelong	65
19 Meadowbank	<i>Riesling</i>	Tasmania	75
16 Joh Jos Prum "Graacher Himmelreich"	<i>Riesling</i>	Mosel, France	95 (375ml)
17 Muller Catoir "MC"	<i>Riesling</i>	Pfalz, Germany	95

SAUVIGNON BLANC

18 Oakdene	<i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Bellarine	45
17 Oakdene "Jessica"	<i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Bellarine	55
19 Happs	<i>Sauvignon Semillon</i>	Margaret River	55
17 Bannockburn	<i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Geelong	65
17 Gerard Boulay "Tradition"	<i>Sauvignon Blanc</i>	Sancerre	120

PINOT GRIGIO/GRIS

18 Oakdene	<i>Pinot Grigio</i>	Bellarine	45
18 Oakdene "Ly Ly"	<i>Pinot Gris</i>	Bellarine	55
19 Tim Adams	<i>Pinot Gris</i>	Clare Valley	55
18 Babo	<i>Pinot Grigio</i>	Tuscany	55
19 Quealy "Musk Creek"	<i>Pinot Gris</i>	Mornington	65

CHARDONNAY

18 Oakdene	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Bellarine	49
18 Oakdene "Liz's"	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Bellarine	65
18 Printhie "Topography"	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Orange	59
18 Mac Forbes	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Yarra Valley	69
19 Clonakilla	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Tumbarumba	69
19 Fleet	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Yarra Valley	75
17 Craiglee	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Sunbury	89
17 Dalwhinnie	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Pyrenees	95
16 Voyager	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Margaret River	99
18 Bernard Defaix "Petit"	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Chablis	105
18 Bannockburn	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Geelong	119
17 Paul Pillot	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Bourgogne	149
18 Bindi "Quartz"	<i>Chardonnay</i>	Macedon Ranges	155

ITALIAN VARIETALS

16 Vinaceous "Impavido"	<i>Vermentino</i>	Mount Barker	49
17 Valentino	<i>Fiano</i>	King Valley	59
17 Albino Rocca	<i>Moscato Bianco</i>	Asti	69
16 Cordero di Montezemolo	<i>Arneis</i>	Langhe	75
18 Giralan	<i>Pinot Bianco</i>	Alto Adige	79

FRENCH VARIETALS

18 Voyager	<i>Chenin Blanc</i>	Margaret River	49
17 Garagiste "Cotier"	<i>Gewürztraminer</i>	Mornington Peninsula	59
18 Jo Landren "La Louvetrie"	<i>Melon de Bourgogne</i>	Muscadet	69
16 Benjamin Leroux	<i>Aligote</i>	Burgundy	119

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE VARIETALS

19 Ricca Terra	<i>Grenache Blanc</i>	Riverland	55
17 Angel Rodriguez "Martinsancho"	<i>Verdejo</i>	Rueda	59
18 Mengoba "Brezo"	<i>Godello</i>	Bierzo	65
18 Cellar del Roure "Cullerot"	<i>Verdil, PX, Chardonnay</i>	Valencia	65
18 Valminor	<i>Albarino</i>	Rias Baixas	69
16 Bernabeleva "Navaherreros"	<i>Albillo, Macabeo</i>	Madrid	79

ROSE

19 Oakdene Rose	<i>Cabernets</i>	Mannerim	55
16 Babo Rosato	<i>Sangiovese</i>	Tuscany	49
17 Bests	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Great Western	55
17 Luke Lambert "Crudo" Rose	<i>Shiraz Nebbiolo</i>	Yarra Valley	55

PINOT NOIR & GAMAY

18 Oakdene	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Bellarine	49
18 Oakdene "Petas"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Bellarine	69
08 Oakdene	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Bellarine	85
18 Mt Moriac	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Geelong	55
19 Quealy "Tussie Mussie"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Mornington	69
18 Mac Forbes	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Yarra Valley	69
19 Fleet	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	South Gippsland	79
19 Meadowbank	<i>Gamay</i>	Tasmania	89
17 Eastern Peake "Intrinsic"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Ballarat	95
18 Daniel Bouland "Corcelette"	<i>Gamay</i>	Morgon, Beaujolais	95
17 Meadowbank	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Tasmania	105
17 Bannockburn	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Geelong	115
19 Bindi "Dixon"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Macedon Ranges	119
17 Benjamin Leroux Bourgogne	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Burgundy	129
18 Bindi "Block 5"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Macedon Ranges	255
16 Bindi "Block 5"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Macedon Ranges	295
17 Vincent Dancer "Les Perrieres"	<i>Pinot Noir</i>	Pommard, Burgundy	270

CABERNET

17 Oakdene "Bernard's"	<i>Cabernets</i>	Bellarine	55
17 Bests "Great Western"	<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	Great Western	59
17 Voyager Estate "Girt by Sea"	<i>Cabernet Merlot</i>	Margaret River	59
16 Happs "Two by Two"	<i>Cabernet Petit Verdot</i>	Margaret River	65
17 Majella	<i>Cabernet Sauvignon</i>	Coonawarra	79
15 Bernard Baudry "Le Domaine"	<i>Cabernet Franc</i>	Chinon	95
16 Sorrenberg	<i>Cabernets</i>	Beechworth	110

SHIRAZ

17 Oakdene	<i>Shiraz</i>	Bellarine	49
17 Oakdene "William"	<i>Shiraz</i>	Bellarine	69
10 Oakdene "William"	<i>Shiraz</i>	Bellarine	85
17 Mt Moriac	<i>Shiraz</i>	Geelong	49
17 Laughing Jack	<i>Shiraz</i>	Barossa	49
17 Condie "Gwen"	<i>Shiraz</i>	Heathcote	55
19 Spinifex	<i>Syrah</i>	Barossa	59
18 Clonakilla	<i>Shiraz</i>	Hilltops NSW	65
18 Ministry of Clouds	<i>Shiraz</i>	McLaren Vale	65
17 Bests "LSV"	<i>Shiraz Viognier</i>	Great Western	69
18 Bindi "Pyrette"	<i>Shiraz</i>	Heathcote	79
16 Voyager	<i>Shiraz</i>	Margaret River	79
17 Condie "Max"	<i>Shiraz</i>	Heathcote	85
15 Eastern Peake "Walsh Block"	<i>Shiraz</i>	Ballarat	95
15 Bannockburn	<i>Shiraz</i>	Geelong	105
14 Craiglee	<i>Shiraz</i>	Sunbury	135
14 Dalwhinnie	<i>Shiraz</i>	Pyrenees	145

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE VARIETALS

18 Ricca Terra	<i>Tinta Barroca</i>	Riverland	55
17 Enrique Mendoza "Tremenda"	<i>Monastrell</i>	Alicante	59
18 Serra Barcelo "Aucala"	<i>Garnacha Tinto</i>	Terra Alto	65
18 El Quintenal Joven	<i>Tempranillo</i>	Ribera del Duero	65
16 Terroir al Limit "Historic"	<i>Garnacha Carinena</i>	Priorat	125
15 Pesquera Crianza	<i>Tinto</i>	Ribera del Duero	145

ITALIAN VARIETALS

15 Valentino	<i>Sangiovese</i>	Heathcote	65
17 Poggiotondo	<i>Sangiovese</i>	Chianti	55
18 CS Wine Co	<i>Nero d'Avola</i>	Heathcote	55
17 Babo	<i>Nero d'Avola</i>	Sicily	59
17 Cavallotto "Vigna Scott"	<i>Dolcetto</i>	Alba	79
18 Giralan	<i>Lagrein</i>	Alto Adige	85
17 Massolino	<i>Nebbiolo</i>	Langhe	115
15 Albino Rocca	<i>Nebbiolo</i>	Barbaresco	169

DESSERT & FORTIFIED

		Glass (60ml)	Bottle
18 Oakdene Late Harvest Riesling	Bellarine	12	45
14 Torbreck "Bothie"	Barossa Valley		39
Mick Morris "Classic" Muscat	Rutherglen	12	59
NV Quinta do Noval Tawny Port	Portugal	12	
2016 Toro Albala Pedro Ximenez	Spain	17	
1990 Toro Albala Pedro Ximenez	Spain	25	

WHISK(E)Y & COGNAC (30ml)

Hellyers Road 10-year-old "Original" Single Malt <i>From Burnie in Tasmania, hints of citrus, vanilla sweetness, warm & toasty</i>	Tasmania	12
Dalwhinnie 15-Year-Old Single Malt Dalwhinnie is the highest distillery in Scotland. Smooth, soft, heather-honey sweetness and vanilla	Highlands	15
Bruichladdich "Classic Laddie" Un-peated Islay Single Malt <i>Smooth, fresh and lively, hint of mint, caramelised fruits, honey & lemon</i>	Islay	12
Kavalan "Podium" Single Malt <i>Selected from brand new American casks with subtropical fruitiness, mango and green apple</i>	Taiwan	19
Rampur Distillery Indian Single Malt <i>Aged in the foothills of the Himalayas, golden amber, apricot and creamy vanilla</i>	India	15
Sliabh Liag "Silkie" Irish Whisky <i>Smooth, with an array of complex yet inviting characters like malt, green apple, warmed honey and orange zest, digestive biscuits, brioche, butterscotch and stem ginger on the gently warming close.</i>	Ireland	13
Wolfburn "Northland" Single Malt Scotch Whisky <i>This whisky has been aged a minimum of four and a half years in used Islay (ex Laphroaig) barrels. Initially sweet with notes of fruit and fresh sea. On the palate its sweet & nutty, with hints of coffee and dark chocolate</i>	Highlands	15
Tesseron "Composition"	Cognac	12