

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.

Merne offers a different, seasonal menu which changes four times a year. Each menu is designed around the seasonality of fresh ingredients which is a reflection of the climate on hand

This wine list is proud to showcase the wines of Oakdene.

Oakdene Vineyards purchased Lighthouse Olive Grove from Marcus Oldham Agricultural College in 2016 and have planted extensively on the grounds. Merne at Lighthouse is proud of their association with Oakdene Wines as they have been consistently rated as one of the region’s top producers now for many years.

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.

GIN

Teddy & the Fox Gin & Tonic	15
Valencia orange, Lemon myrtle, Coriander seed, Star Anise, Orris Root	
Rosie & the Rabbits Gin & Tonic	17
Juniper, Apricot, Black lime. Four months maturation In Scotchman’s Hill Pinot Noir Barrels	
The Old Dodger (Navy Strength 57%) Gin & Tonic	18
Rosemary, Local saltbush, Walnut, Tarragon, Lemon zest	

WHISKY

Grey Fantail	(30ml)
Palate : Toffee apple, bread & butter pudding, charred fig	
	55

COCKTAIL

Dark (Matter)and Stormy	17
“Dark Matter” is Scotland’s first and only rum producer and uses fresh ginger, crushed green peppercorn and allspice berry. Spiced ginger beer, mint, fresh lime and bitters	
A Native Negroni	18
Teddy & the Fox Gin, Maidenii Sweet Vermouth, Applewood Okar Amaro	
Coffee Old Fashioned	19
Mr Black Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur, Rye Whiskey, Panella Syrup, Orange Bitters	
Dry Martini	23
Teddy & the Fox Gin, Maidenii Dry Vermouth, Olive	
Limoncello Spritz	18
Timboon Distillery Limoncello, Oakdene Sparkling, Soda	
White Peach Sour	21
Chermette Crème de Peche (with the addition of ginger root), Gin, Lemon, Egg White	
Amaretto Sour	21
Amaretto, Spiced mocha, Lemon, Syrup Egg White	
Espresso Martini	22
Mr Black Cold Drip Coffee Liqueur, Grainshaker Vodka, Baileys, Monier Bridge Espresso	

NON-ALCOHOLIC

Nojito	14
Seedlip Grove Citrus, Mint, Lime, Soda, Lemon Verbena Syrup	
Orange, Clove and Tonic	12
Seedlip Spice 94” (an aromatic, blend of barks, spices and citrus) Capi Tonic, Orange Squeeze	
Ginger, Lime and Stormy	13
Spiced Ginger Beer, Lime, Bitters, Mint	

WINE BY THE GLASS**150ml****SPARKLING**

2019 Oakdene "Kristen" Sparkling	Blanc de Blanc	Bellarine Peninsula	17
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SHERRY

Pennyweight "Constance"	Fino	Beechworth	11 (75ml)
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WHITE

2022 Pauletts "Polish Hill"	Riesling	Clare Valley	16
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2022 Oakdene "Ly Ly"	Pinot Gris	Bellarine Peninsula	15
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2022 Oakdene "Liz's"	Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	17
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Served under Coravin

2022 Riley Harrison "Sol Blanco"	Roussanne, Grenache Blanc	McLaren Vale	19
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2021 Head "The Contrarian"	Viognier	Barossa Valley	19
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2015 Tahbilk "1927 Vines"	Marsanne	Nagambie	22
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ROSE

2022 Mt Horrocks	Rose	Clare Valley	17
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RED

2019 Oakdene "William"	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	17
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2021 Oakdene "Peta's"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	17
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Served under Coravin

2016 Oakdene "Petas"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine	22
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2021 Mt Langhi Ghiran "Hollows"	Sangiovese	Grampians	18
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2021 La Linea Sureno"	Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	18
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2016 Freeman "Secco"	Rondinella, Corvina	Hilltops NSW	19
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2021 La Violetta "Fric Frac"	Cabernet Franc	Great Southern	19
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2016 Pennyweight	Cabernet Sauvignon, Franc, Merlot	Beechworth	25
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*The Coravin System uses technology that keeps the cork in the bottle, where it's been since the bottle was sealed. It allows us to pour glasses and know that instead of oxidising, the remaining wine will continue to age naturally. ... The wine flows through the needle and pours into the glass.

GOOD BEER**LAGER**

Moon Dog Lager	Melbourne	12
Moo Brew Pilsner	Tasmania	14
Yulli' s Brews "Astrid" Mexican Lager	Sydney	13
Maui Brewing Co "Bikini Blonde" Lager	Hawaii/Sydney	13
Barwon Heads Brewing Japanese Rice Lager	Barwon Heads	13

SOUR

Temple Brewing Co "Mandarin" Sour	Melbourne	13
Valhalla "Lime Tart" Sour	Geelong	13

ALE

Beechworth Brewing "Free Time" (non-alcoholic)	Beechworth	10
Stone & Wood "Pacific" Ale	Byron Bay	12
Moon Dog "Old Mate" Pale Ale	Melbourne	12
Rogue Ales "Honey Kolsch" Ale	USA	15
Boneyard Beer "Incredible Pulp" Blood Orange XPA	USA	17
Killer Sprocket Amber Ale	Melbourne	13

IPA

Bodriggy "Speccy" Hazy Session IPA (mid)	Melbourne	13
Maui Brewing "Big Swell" IPA	Hawaii/Sydney	14
Mountain Culture "Cult" IPA	Katoomba	15
Deschutes "Farmstand Fresh" Mango IPA	USA	17
Singlecut Beersmiths "Weird & Gilly" DDH IPA (440ml)	USA	19

DARK

Great Ocean Road Brewing "Choc Vanilla" Brown Ale	Geelong	13
Boatrocker Stout	Melbourne	13
8 Wired "Baklava" Double Scoop Stout (440ml)	New Zealand	19
Bridge Road "B2 Bomber Mach 12.0" Black Belgian Double IPA	Beechworth (750ml)	70

CIDER

Willie Smith "Bone Dry" Apple Cider	Tasmania	12
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SPARKLING & CHAMPAGNE

NV Oakdene	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2019 Oakdene "Kristin"	Blanc de Blanc	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2019 Oakdene "Yvette"	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2018 Oakdene "Sparkling Shiraz"	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2022 Dalfarras	Prosecco	Nagambie	55
2022 Voyager Estate	Chenin Blanc	Margaret River	65
NV Pomarina Sidra Espumosa	Sparkling Apple Cider	Asturia, Spain	55
2018 AT Roca "Reserva" Brut	Macabeo, Xarello, Parellada	Penedes, Spain	89
2016 Chandon Brut	Pinot Noir Chardonnay	Yarra Valley	95
2004 Seppelt "Show Sparkling Reserve"	Shiraz	Great Western	225

RIESLING

2020 Some Young Punks "Monsters Attack" Riesling (off dry)		Clare Valley	49
2022 Paulett's "Polish Hill"	Riesling	Clare Valley	59
2022 Crawford River "Strata"	Riesling	Henty	75
2021 Meadowbank	Riesling	Tasmania	79
2022 Mt Horrocks	Riesling	Clare Valley	85
2023 Jasper Hill	Riesling	Heathcote	85
2021 Bests "Foudre Ferment"	Riesling	Great Western	89
2023 Grosset "Alea"	Riesling	Clare Valley	95
2011 Seppelt "Drumborg"	Riesling	Henty	115
2018 Jasper Hill	Riesling	Heathcote	110

SAUVIGNON BLANC & SEMILLON

2021 Oakdene	Sauvignon Blanc	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2019 Oakdene "Jessica"	Sauvignon Blanc	Bellarine Peninsula	65
2020 Lobethal Road	Sauvignon Blanc	Adelaide Hills	59
2021 Richmond Plains	Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand	65
2018 Bannockburn	Sauvignon Blanc	Geelong	69
2019 Brokenwood	Semillon	Hunter Valley	69

PINOT GRIGIO & PINOT GRIS

2023 Oakdene	Pinot Grigio	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2022 Oakdene "Ly Ly"	Pinot Gris	Bellarine Peninsula	65
2022 Henschke "Innes Vineyard"	Pinot Gris	Adelaide Hills	69
2022 Quealy "Musk Creek"	Pinot Gris	Mornington Peninsula	79
2022 Joseph Chromy	Pinot Gris	Relbia, Tasmania	75

CHARDONNAY

2022 Oakdene	Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2022 Oakdene "Liz's"	Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2022 Bests	Chardonnay	Great Western	65
2022 Mount Majura	Chardonnay	Canberra	69
2022 Dhillon by Bindi "Glenhope"	Chardonnay	Macedon Ranges	89
2021 Craiglee	Chardonnay	Sunbury	115
2020 Bindi "Kostas Rind"	Chardonnay	Macedon Ranges	125
2022 Domenica	Chardonnay	Beechworth	129
2022 Bannockburn	Chardonnay	Geelong	139
2017 Petaluma	Chardonnay	Piccadilly Valley	195
2022 Bindi "Quartz"	Chardonnay	Macedon Ranges	235

ITALIAN VARIETALS

2021 Ricca Terra	Vermentino	Riverland	55
2021 Dal Zotto	Arneis	King Valley	59
2021 Contesa	Pecorino	Abruzzo	65
2022 Olivers Taranga	Fiano	Barossa Valley	65
2020 Cusamano "Shamaris"	Grillo	Sicily	65
2018 Girlan	Pinot Bianco	Alto Adige	79

FRENCH VARIETALS

2020 Granite Hills	Pinot Blanc	Macedon Ranges	69
2023 Shadowfax	Gewurztraminer	Macedon Ranges	69
2022 Riley Harrison "Sol Blanco"	Roussanne, Grenache Blanc	McLaren Vale	75
2021 Head "The Contrarian"	Viognier	Barossa Valley	85
2020 Jo Landron "La Louvetrie"	Melon de Bourgogne	Muscadet	89
2015 Tahbilk "1927 Vines"	Marsanne	Nagambie	99
2020 Pierre Gaillard	Viognier	Condrieu	225

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE VARIETALS

2018 Artomana Txakolina "Txakoli"	Hondarrabi Zuri	Arabako Txakolina	65
2019 Serra Barcelo "Aucala"	Garnacha Blanca	Terra Alta, Spain	65
2018 Valminor	Albarino	Rias Baixas	69
2019 Telmo Rodriguez "Gaba do Xii"	Godello	Valdeorras	85

ROSE

2022 Oakdene Rose	Cabernets	Mannerim Vineyard, Bellarine	55
2022 Mt Horrocks	Pinot Noir	Clare Valley	65
2022 Bests	Pinot Noir	Great Western	65
2022 Dhillon "Glenhope"	Merlot, Shiraz	Macedon Ranges	69
2021 Fleet "Young Wines"	Syrah	Gippsland	69

PINOT NOIR & GAMAY

2023 Oakdene	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2021 Oakdene "Petas"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	79
2016 Oakdene "Petas"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	89
2023 Mt Moriac	Pinot Noir	Geelong	59
2021 Quealy "KKO1"	Pinot Noir	Mornington	69
2021 Mac Forbes	Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley	69
2022 Domaine Chermette "Les Griottes"	Gamay	Beaujolais	75
2022 Tomboy Hill "Rebellion"	Pinot Noir	Ballarat	85
2022 Bests "Young Vines"	Pinot Meunier	Great Western	85
2021 Yering Station	Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley	85
2021 Mac Forbes "After Midnight"	Gamay	Yarra Valley	85
2020 Josef Chromy	Pinot Noir	Relbia Tasmania	85
2021 Meadowbank	Gamay	Tasmania	99
2019 Mac Forbes "Villages" Coldstream	Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley	115
2017 Pennyweight	Pinot Noir	Beechworth	125
2022 Bannockburn	Pinot Noir	Geelong	139
2022 Bindi "Dixon"	Pinot Noir	Macedon Ranges	155
2018 Bass Phillip "Estate"	Pinot Noir	Gippsland	235
2022 Bindi "Original Vineyard"	Pinot Noir	Macedon Ranges	235
2018 Bindi "Block 5"	Pinot Noir	Macedon Ranges	285

SHIRAZ

2021 Oakdene	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2019 Oakdene "William"	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2019 Mt Moriac	Shiraz	Geelong	55
2019 Condie "Gwen"	Shiraz	Heathcote	65
2021 Spinifex	Syrah	Barossa Valley	65
2018 Torbreck "The Struie" (375ml)	Shiraz	Barossa Valley	65
2020 Mt Langhi Ghiran "Cliff Edge"	Shiraz	Grampians	69
2020 Bests "LSV"	Shiraz, Viognier	Great Western	75
2018 Taltarni "Estate"	Shiraz	Pyrenees	79
2017 Brash Higgins "Omsetter"	Shiraz	McLaren Vale	85
2022 Henschke "Henrys Seven"	Shiraz Mataro	Barossa	85
2019 Bindi "Pyrette"	Shiraz	Heathcote	95
2021 Grosset "Nereus"	Shiraz, Nero D'Avola	Clare Valley	105
2019 Bests "Hamill Vineyard"	Shiraz	Great Western	140
2017 Henschke "Kyneton Euphonium"	Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot	Barossa Valley	155
2021 Jasper Hill "Georgia's Paddock & Friends"	Shiraz	Heathcote	175
2019 Clonakilla	Shiraz Viognier	Canberra	255
2016 Henschke "Mount Edelstone"	Shiraz	Eden Valley	375

AUSTRALIAN VARIETALS

2022 Oliver's Taranga "Small Batch"	Grenache	McLaren Vale	75
2022 Riley Harrison "Fleur de Lune"	Grenache	Barossa Valley	79
2016 Brash Higgins "Lennon"	Mataro	McLaren Vale	79
2022 Dhillon "Col Mountain"	Grenache	Macedon Ranges	89
2017 Pennyweight	Durif	Rutherglen	110

CABERNET

2018 Oakdene "Bernard's"	Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot	Bellarine Peninsula	65
2020 Voyager "Girt by Sea"	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot	Margaret River	65
2019 Eldredge "Louie"	Cabernet Sauvignon	Clare Valley	59
2021 La Violetta "Fric Frac"	Cabernet Franc	Great Southern WA	65
2019 Crawford River	Cabernet, Cabernet Franc, Merlot	Henty	65
2020 Majella	Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra	95
2016 Pennyweight	Cabernet Sauvignon, Franc, Merlot	Beechworth	115
2018 Mac Forbes "Hugh"	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc	Yarra Valley	145
2009 Crawford River "Museum Release"	Cabernet Sauvignon	Henty	185

SPANISH & PORTUGUESE VARIETALS

2018 Ricca Terra	Tinta Barroca	Riverland SA	55
2019 Real Agrado	Tempranillo	Rioja	55
2021 La Linea "Sureno"	Tempranillo	Adelaide Hills	75
2019 Guimaro "Joven"	Mencia	Ribeira Sacra	79
2016 Terroir al Limit "Historic"	Garnacha, Carinena	Priorat	155
2018 Pesquera	Tinto	Ribera Del Duero	145

ITALIAN VARIETALS

2021 Cecchi Chianti DOCG	Sangiovese	Tuscany	69
2019 Cusamano	Nero d'Avola	Sicily	75
2016 Freeman "Secco"	Rondinella, Corvina	Hilltops	75
2018 Adelina	Nebbiolo	Adelaide Hills	79
2017 Cavallotto "Vigna Scott"	Dolcetto	Alba	79
2021 Girlan	Lagrein	Alto Adige	85
2019 Massolino	Nebbiolo	Langhe	119
2020 Massolino (Magnum)	Nebbiolo	Langhe	239

DESSERT & FORTIFIED

Glass (60ml)

Bottle (375ml)

2020 Oakdene Late Harvest	Riesling	Bellarine Peninsula	12	45
2014 Torbreck "Bothie"	Frontignac	Barossa Valley		39
2021 Cookoothama Botrytis	Semillon	Riverland	13	55
Campbells "Liquid Gold"	Topaque	Rutherglen	15	95
Pennyweight "Gold"	Fortified Riesling	Beechworth		65
NV Quinta do Noval	Tawny Port	Portugal	12	

WHISK(E)Y**(30ml)**

Rampur Single Malt		India		15
Kavalan "King Car Conductor" Single Malt		Taiwan		19
Suntory "World Whiskey"		Japan		25
Dalwhinnie 15-Year-Old		Highlands		15
Ardbeg 10-Year-Old		Islay		17
Michel Couvreur "Overaged" Malt Whiskey		France		19
Rogue Brewery "Dead Guy" Whiskey		USA		15
Starward "Solera"		Melbourne		15
Lark "Symphony No 1"		Tasmania		35
Bellarine Distillery "Grey Fantail"		Bellarine		55

COGNAC, ARMAGNAC, CALVADOS**(30ml)**

Prunier VSOP		Cognac		15
Prunier XO		Cognac		25
Sauval XO		Armagnac		13