

# MERNE

## AT LIGHTHOUSE

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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.

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## BELLARINE DISTILLERY

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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

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

### WHISKY

<b>Grey Fantail</b>	(30ml)
Palate : Toffee apple, bread & butter pudding, charred fig	
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### COCKTAIL

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<b>Dark (Matter)and Stormy</b>	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	
<b>A Native Negroni</b>	18
Teddy & the Fox Gin, Maidenii Sweet Vermouth, Applewood Okar Amaro	
<b>Coffee Old Fashioned</b>	19
Mr Black Cold Brew Coffee Liqueur, Rye Whiskey, Panella Syrup, Orange Bitters	
<b>Dry Martini</b>	23
Teddy & the Fox Gin, Maidenii Dry Vermouth, Olive	
<b>Limoncello Spritz</b>	18
Zonzo Limoncello, Oakdene Sparkling, Soda, syrup	
<b>White Peach Sour</b>	21
Chermette Crème de Peche (with the addition of ginger root), Gin, Lemon, Egg White	
<b>Amaretto Sour</b>	21
Amaretto, Spiced mocha, Lemon, Syrup, Egg White	
<b>Espresso Martini</b>	22
Mr Black Cold Drip Coffee Liqueur, Vanilla Vodka, Baileys, Monier Bridge Espresso	

### NON-ALCOHOLIC

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<b>Nojito</b>	14
Banks botanical Non-Alcoholic spirit, Mint, Lime, Soda, Lemon Verbena Syrup	
<b>Blood Orange Spritz</b>	15
Lyres Italian Non-Alcoholic Spritz, Capi Blood Orange, Simple Syrup	
<b>Ginger, Lime and Stormy</b>	13
Spiced Ginger Beer, Lime, Bitters, Mint	

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


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2019 Oakdene "Matilda" Sparkling	Blanc de Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	19
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**WHITE**


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2024 Bests "Great Western"	Riesling	Great Western	17
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2023 Oakdene	Pinot Grigio	Bellarine Peninsula	15
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2023 Voyager "Coastal"	Chardonnay	Margaret River	18
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*Served under Coravin*

2024 La Linea	Albarino	Adelaide Hills	17
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2023 Zonzo	Fiano	Yarra Valley	19
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2023 Riley Harrison "Sol Blanco "	Roussanne, Grenache Blanc	McLaren Vale	21
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**ROSE**


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2024 Bannockburn "1314"	Cabernet, Shiraz, Merlot	Geelong, Vic	17
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**RED**


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2019 Oakdene "William"	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	19
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2022 Oakdene "Peta's"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	19
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*Served under Coravin*

2017 Oakdene "Petas"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine	23
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2023 Alkina "Kin"	Grenache	Barossa Valley	19
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2023 Mt Majura	Tempranillo, Shiraz, Graciano	Canberra	22
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2022 Jasper Hill "Georgias Paddock"	Shiraz	Heathcote	39
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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.

**BEER**

Moon Dog Lager	Melbourne	12
Blackmans Brewery "Pivot City" Lager	Geelong	12
Moo Brew Pilsner	Tasmania	14
Great Northern "Original"	Queensland	11
Moon Dog "Old Mate" Pale Ale	Melbourne	12
Stone & Wood Pacific Ale	Byron Bay	14
Mountain Culture "Status Quo" Pale Ale	Katoomba	15
Rogue Ales "Honey Kolsch" Ale	USA	15
Bodriggy "Speccy" Hazy Session IPA (mid)	Melbourne	13
Maui Brewing "Big Swell" IPA	Hawaii/Sydney	14
Bentspoke "Sprocket" IPA	Canberra	15
Boatrocker Stout	Melbourne	13
Young Henrys "Motorcycle Oil" Hoppy Porter	Sydney	15

**CIDER**


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Napoleone Cider Co "Pear"	Yarra Valley	13
Golden Axe Crisp Apple Cider	Melbourne	13

**SPARKLING & CHAMPAGNE**


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NV Oakdene	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	55
NV Mountadam	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay	Eden Valley	69
2019 Oakdene "Matilda"	Blanc de Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2019 Oakdene "Yvette"	Pinot Noir, Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	75
NV Lanson	Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Meunier	Champagne	175
2004 Seppelt "Show Sparkling Reserve"	Sparkling Shiraz	Great Western	225

**RIESLING**


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2020 Some Young Punks "Monsters Attack" Riesling (off dry)		Clare Valley	49
2024 Bests "Great Western"	Riesling	Great Western	69
2024 Bannockburn	Riesling	Geelong	75
2023 Koerner	Riesling	Clare Valley	75
2023 Crawford River "Strata"	Riesling	Henty	75
2023 Jasper Hill	Riesling	Heathcote	85
2023 Grosset "Alea"	Riesling	Clare Valley	95

## SAUVIGNON BLANC & SEMILLON

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2021 Oakdene	Sauvignon Blanc	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2020 Oakdene "Jessica"	Sauvignon Blanc	Bellarine Peninsula	65
2021 Richmond Plains	Sauvignon Blanc	New Zealand	65
2024 Bannockburn	Sauvignon Blanc	Geelong	69
2023 Leeuwin Estate "Art Series"	Sauvignon Blanc	Margaret River	85

## PINOT GRIGIO & PINOT GRIS

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2023 Oakdene	Pinot Grigio	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2024 Oakdene "Ly Ly"	Pinot Gris	Bellarine Peninsula	65
2023 Babo	Pinot Grigio	Friuli, Italy	65
2024 Henschke "Innes Vineyard"	Pinot Gris	Adelaide Hills	75
2022 Quealy "Tussie Mussie"	Pinot Gris	Mornington Peninsula	79

## CHARDONNAY

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2024 Oakdene	Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	59
2023 Oakdene "Liz's"	Chardonnay	Bellarine Peninsula	75
2023 Zonzo Estate	Chardonnay	Yarra Valley	59
2023 Voyager Estate "Coastal"	Chardonnay	Margaret River	65
2022 Mount Majura	Chardonnay	Canberra	75
2022 Voyager Estate	Chardonnay	Margaret River	119
2022 Domenica	Chardonnay	Beechworth	129
2017 Petaluma	Chardonnay	Piccadilly Valley	195

## ITALIAN VARIETALS

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2023 Zonzo Estate	Fiano	Yarra Valley	65
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## FRENCH VARIETALS

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2024 Aphelion "Welkin"	Chenin Blanc	Adelaide Hills	69
2023 Shadowfax	Gewurztraminer	Macedon Ranges	69
2024 Yangarra Estate	Piquepoul	Mc Laren Vale	69
2023 Riley Harrison "Sol Blanco"	Rousanne, Grenache Blanc	Mc Laren Vale	79
2020 Jo Landron "La Louvetrie"	Melon de Bourgogne	Muscadet	89
2020 Pierre Gaillard	Viognier	Condrieu	225

## SPANISH & PORTUGUESE VARIETALS

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2018 Artomana Txakolina "Txakoli"	Hondarrabi Zuri	Arabako Txakolina	65
2022 Serra Barcelo "Aucala"	Garnacha Blanca	Terra Alta, Spain	65
2023 La Linea	Albarino	Adelaide Hills	75

## ROSE

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2023 Oakdene	Shiraz, Cabernet, Merlot	Bellarine Peninsula	55
2021 Babo	Sangiovese	Chianti	59
2024 Bannockburn "1314"	Cabernet, Shiraz, Merlot	Geelong	59
2022 Bests	Pinot Noir	Great Western	65
2024 Dhillon "Col Mountain"	Grenache	Heathcote	69
2022 Mt Horrocks	Pinot Noir	Clare Valley	75

## PINOT NOIR & GAMAY

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2023 Oakdene	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	59
2022 Oakdene "Petas"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	79
2017 Oakdene "Petas"	Pinot Noir	Bellarine Peninsula	89
2024 Garagiste "Le Stagiaire"	Pinot Noir	Mornington	69
2023 Quealy	Pinot Noir	Mornington	69
2023 Mac Forbes	Pinot Noir	Yarra Valley	79
2023 Bests "Young Vines"	Pinot Meunier	Great Western	85
2023 Domaine Chermette "Griottes"	Gamay	Beaujolais	85
2023 Koerner	Gamay	Adelaide Hills	89
2023 Crawford River "Vineyard Series"	Pinot Noir	Henty	95
2022 Bindi "Original Vineyard"	Pinot Noir	Macedon Ranges	275

## CABERNET

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2019 Eldredge "Louie"	Cabernet Sauvignon	Clare Valley	59
2021 Voyager Estate "Coastal"	Cabernet Sauvignon	Margaret River	65
2022 Riley Harrison "Vento Do Mar"	Cabernet Franc	McLaren Vale	79
2021 Chateau Pey-Bonhomme	Merlot, Cabernet, Cabernet Franc	Bordeaux	110
2018 Mac Forbes "Hugh"	Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc	Yarra Valley	145

## SHIRAZ

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2023 Oakdene	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	59
2019 Oakdene "William"	Shiraz	Bellarine Peninsula	79
2019 Mt Moriac	Shiraz	Geelong	55
2022 Clonakilla "Hilltops"	Shiraz	Canberra	65
2021 Mt Langhi Ghiran "Cliff Edge"	Shiraz	Grampians	69
2021 Bests LSV	Shiraz Viognier	Great Western	75
2021 Olivers Taranga	Shiraz	McLaren Vale	75
2021 Head "Old Vine"	Shiraz	Barossa Valley	89
2023 Henschke "Henry's Seven"	Shiraz, Grenache, Mataro	Barossa Valley	89
2021 Bindi "Pyrette"	Shiraz	Heathcote	95
2021 Grosset "Nereus"	Shiraz, Nero D'Avola	Clare Valley	105
2021 Bannockburn	Shiraz	Geelong	105
2019 Bests "Hamill Vineyard"	Shiraz	Great Western	140
2022 Jasper Hill "Georgia's Paddock"	Shiraz	Heathcote	175
2019 Clonakilla	Shiraz Viognier	Canberra	255

## SPANISH & PORTUGUESE VARIETALS

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2021 Legado del Moncayo	Garnacha	Campo de Borja	65
2021 Rocim "Mariana"	Tinto	Portugal	65
2019 Guimaro "Joven"	Mencia	Ribeira Sacra	79
2019 Real Agrado	Tempranillo	Rioja	85
2023 Mt Majura	Tempranillo, Syrah, Graciano	Canberra	85
2020 Condado De Haza "Crianza"	Tempranillo	Ribera Del Douro	95

## AUSTRALIAN VARIETALS

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2023 Oliver's Taranga "Small Batch"	Grenache	McLaren Vale	75
2021 Condie "Schoolhouse Lane"	Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro	Heathcote	75
2016 Brash Higgins "Lennon"	Mataro	McLaren Vale	79
2023 Alkina "Kin"	Grenache	Barossa Valley	85

## ITALIAN VARIETALS

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2023 Babo Chianti	Sangiovese	Tuscany	69
2016 Freeman "Secco"	Rondinella, Corvina	Hilltops	75
2021 Zonzo	Sagrantino	Heathcote	75
2017 Cavallotto "Vigna Scott"	Dolcetto	Alba	79
2022 Sa Raja "Inkibi"	Cannonau	Sardinia	89
2021 Girlan	Lagrein	Alto Adige	95

## DESSERT & FORTIFIED

**Glass (75ml)**
**Bottle (375ml)**


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2020 Oakdene Late Harvest	Riesling	Bellarine Peninsula	12	45
2014 Torbreck "Bothie"	Frontignac	Barossa Valley		39
DeBortoli "Show Liqueur"	Muscat	Riverland	15	85
NV Quinta do Noval	Tawny Port	Portugal	12	

## WHISK(E)Y

**(30ml)**


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Dalwhinnie 15-Year-Old	Highlands	15
Ardbeg 10-Year-Old	Islay	17
Lagavulin 16-Year-Old	Islay	22
Michel Couvreur "Overaged" Malt Whiskey	France	19
Starward "Solera"	Melbourne	18
Lark "Symphony No 1"	Tasmania	35
Bellarine Distillery "Grey Fantail"	Bellarine	55

## COGNAC, ARMAGNAC

**(30ml)**


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Prunier VSOP	Cognac	15
Prunier XO	Cognac	25