The Landscape is as harsh as silence, It hugs to its breast the scorching stones, Claps in its light the orphaned olive trees and Vineyards. There is no water. Light.

Y. Ritsos, Romiosini

The passage has succeeded in distilling the very essence of the Mediterranean. Olive, wine and light, elements that describe so eloquently the place where western culture was born, are the very source that characterizes the Mediterranean in a wider context. According to Greek mythology, the olive was the Goddess Athena's gift to the first inhabitants of the eastern Mediterranean, the source of life and sustenance. The wine God, Dionysus, came somewhat later with the vine. The olive and the wine that came together to characterize the life and civilization of the Mediterranean, together with the other foods that took root in the sparse soil, all flourished in the unrelenting light of the region. These aromatic and rich flavours are the fruits of *MEDIterraneo* and our basis to bring you the most enjoyable dining experience.

Michael Popovic

# **ENTRÉE**

Soup of the Day

Chorizo al vino bianco
Spanish sausage slices sizzling in freshly diced tomato, shallot
and white wine
12.5

Char grilled marinated Quail served on wilted spinach, butternut pumpkin and Portabella mushroom

Char grilled fresh Calamari on a Balkan style potato salad 14.5

Antipasto
Selections of marinated vegetables, house delicatessen cold meats, smoked salmon, white anchovie fillets and char grilled calamari 19

Char grilled scallops and pancetta brochettes served on a grana padano, pear and rocket salad 18.5

Garlic prawns sizzling in extra virgin olive oil, parsley and a pinch of chilli 17.5

Mediterranean vegetable and polenta stack dressed with roasted pine nut and basil pesto

11

Please note all entrées can be made main-course size

### **MAINS**

A selection of finest quality steaks, MSA graded and aged for minimum 28 days, cooked to your liking and served on roasted potatoes and red wine beef jus

King Island Beef Scotch Fillet 250g 27.5 grass-fed Certified Black Angus Beef grass-fed Rump steak 500g 34.5 Porterhouse 250g 26.5 Teys Gold Beef Eye Fillet grain-fed 120 days 220g 32.5 King Eye Beef T-Bone steak 550g 38.5 grain-fed 100 days STEAK SAUCES Brandy pepper sauce 4.5 Aged muscat and mushroom sauce 4.5

Fish of the Day rested on extra virgin olive oil potato mash and seasonal vegetables 29.5

Venison Involtini, Yarra Valley venison fillets, stuffed with pan-fried tomato, olive and chorizo, wrapped in prosciutto and served on potato mash 34.5

Char grilled spatchcock rested on wilted spinach and a chickpea puree 28.5

Seafood Kebab simply char-grilled and served on paella rice and steamed vegetables 34.5

French-cut lamb cutlets on ratatouille and a roasted pine nut and black currant couscous

33

Char grilled semi-smoked pork strip-loin on roasted parsnip and a chunky mushroom ragout 28.5

'Cevapcici', Skinless beef sausages, traditionally on freshly diced Spanish onion 22

'Pljeskavica'
Spicy Burger on a bed of cabbage salad and topped with 'kajmak'
25

Vegetarian Stuffed Pepper served with spinach, olive oil mashed potato and shaved grana padano

26.5

Please note most entrées can be made main-course size

## **PLATTERS**

Minimum for two people.

Priced per person.

#### Char grilled Meat Platter

A selection of grilled meat: eye fillet shashliks, lamb cutlets, pork loin, spicy burgers, cevapcici, chorizo and chicken fillets served on rough-cut potato chips and grilled Portobello mushrooms

#### Char grilled Seafood Platter

Char grilled crab, Moreton Bay Bug, King Prawns, half shelf scallops, fresh fish fillet, skewers of calamari and tiger prawn cutlets, dressed with lemon butter sauce and served with Provencal Spring Bay mussels, crispy white bait and paella rice

48

### **SIDES**

Mediterranean 'Shopska' salad with grated Bulgarian fetta

11

Grana padano, pear and rocket salad

8

Garden Salad with fresh avocado and balsamic dressing

9

Char grilled Mediterranean vegetables

8

Rough-cut Potato Chips

6

Grilled hot chillies marinated in olive oil and garlic

6

Grilled sweet paprika marinated in olive oil and garlic

8

Balkan-style cabbage salad

6

### **DESSERTS**

Crêpe Suzette 16

Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée 12.5

Tiramisu - traditional mascarpone and coffee cake 12

Chocolate flourless cake with dark chocolate sauce and Belgian chocolate ice cream 12.5

Sticky date Pudding with vanilla bean ice cream and butterscotch sauce

12

A selection of home-made sorbets 10.5

Lemon Tart with poached pear and King Island cream 14.5

Fresh fruit salad simply served with vanilla bean ice cream and wild berry coulis

11.5

A selection of King Island cheeses: vintage blue, double brie, goat and vintage cheddar with fresh fruits and nuts 20

Balkan-style walnut baklava with lemon sorbet 11.5