

# Gala Menu



Guide

# Let the delicious tastes of Victorian produce take centre stage with our gala menu.



## **A Taste of Victoria**

Poached barramundi with macadamia crumb, Yarra Valley caviar, lemon myrtle kumara, hickory smoked Moorabool Valley corn-fed duck breast with wilted coastline saltbush, seas succulents and bay leaf oil

## **Gala Events**

Experience Victoria's vibrant and diverse culture through our delicious, sustainable, and inclusive plates — a celebration of community and creativity, not just food.

### **Standard Inclusions**

- Tea and coffee
- Selection of handmade chocolate truffles
- House-made sourdough bread with olive oil and butter

### **Pre-Dinner Canapés**

**\$15 per person**

#### *Select*

- One x Cold Canapés [\(see items\)](#)
- Two x Hot Canapés [\(see items\)](#)

### **Two-Course Menu**

**\$78 per person**

#### *Select*

- One x Entrée [\(see items\)](#)
- One x Main Course [\(see items\)](#)

*or*

- One x Main Course [\(see items\)](#)
- One x Dessert [\(see items\)](#)

### **Three-Course Menu**

**\$110 per person**

Three-course selection including an alternating drop for one course

[\(see Entrée\)](#)

[\(see Main Course\)](#)

[\(see Dessert\)](#)

### **Networking Gala**

**\$116 per person**

Selection of substantial canapés on arrival, shared-style main course and mini desserts

*+ Additional alternate drop*

**\$6.50 per person**

[\(see details\)](#)

## Cold Canapés

Select one

- Beef tartare with confit egg yolk and mountain pepper **GF**
- Sashimi salmon, sushi donut with kewpie and sesame **GF**
- Poached chicken rice paper roll with Vietnamese mint and nuoc cham dipping sauce
- Gruyere gougères with black truffle custard **V**
- Coffin Bay oysters with buttermilk dressing and sea parsley oil **GF**
- Chicken and charred corn taco with guacamole and salted ricotta
- Duck liver parfait toast with cherry gel and pistachio
- Spiced sweet potato and black bean tostada with chipotle and coriander **V | VF | GF**
- Sweet tomato tart with basil and olive gravel **V | VF | GF**
- Compressed watermelon, rose water, candy pistachios, coconut labne and pomegranate **V | VF | GF**

## Hot Canapés

Select two

- Potato spun prawns with native thyme and caper aioli **GF**
- Angus beef burger with American cheese and burger sauce
- Lychee cuttlefish bites with ink mayo and micro parsley
- Smoked ham and mozzarella empanada with red chimichurri
- Steamed chicken and sweetcorn sui mai with yellow bean dressing
- Mac and cheese croquettes with basil aioli **V**
- Beef bourguignon pie with smoked tomato relish and bacon crumb
- Buffalo cauliflower bites with ranch dressing and dill **V | VF | GF**
- Spiced chickpea and vegetable pie with bush tomato relish **V | VF | GF**
- Sweetcorn and purple kale fritter with spring onion relish **V | VF | GF**

**V | Vegetarian** **VF | Vegan-Friendly** **GF | Gluten-Friendly**

### Please note

Other dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. A 15 per cent surcharge applies for Sunday and public holiday events. All prices are inclusive of GST. Applicable across the entire menu.



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# Entrée

Intricately designed and beautifully crafted, these small starters make a big impression.

## A Taste of Victoria

Our iconic tasting plate showcases the very best Victorian produce. Includes: Poached barramundi with macadamia crumb, Yarra Valley caviar, lemon myrtle kumara, hickory smoked Moorabool Valley corn-fed duck breast with wilted coastline saltbush, sea succulents and bay leaf oil

## Cold

### · A Taste of Victoria

- Shaoxing wine Bendigo chicken accompanied by miso mayo, pink ginger, choy sum and chilli oil **GF**
- Salmon with finger lime, Granny Smith apple and puffed wild rice **GF**
- Beetroot terrine with pickled celeriac, hazelnut vinaigrette and fine herbs **V | VF | GF**
- Gippsland tataki beef salad with daikon, cucumber, sesame and ponzu dressing **GF**

## Hot

- Pea and ricotta ravioli served with river mint and champagne cream sauce **V**
- Butter-poached prawn tail, served with hemp seed and confit chicken croquette, corn, buttermilk and sea parsley dressing **GF**



*Moorabool Valley corn-fed duck breast paired with muscat cherry puree, pistachio and cocoa nib granola*

## Main Course

Seared, roasted, or braised – these dishes will wow your guests.



- Victorian farms beef fillet with truffled mash, smoked bush tomato butter and bordelaise jus **GF**
- Bendigo chicken breast, roasted corn puree, polenta, garden pea shoots and Warragul greens **GF**
- 16-hour braised beef cheek with parsnip cream, heirloom carrot and gremolata crumbs **GF**
- Slow-roasted high country pork loin and belly with broccoli puree, braised witlof and crackle **GF**
- Tarragon-crusted Bendigo chicken with celeriac and Davidson plum remoulade, pont neuf and spiced jus **GF**
- Slow-cooked Victorian lamb shank, off the bone, pomegranate, mountain pepper glaze, grain tabouli and tahini yoghurt **GF**
- Ocean trout, pan-roasted scallop, caramelised kumara, salsa verve and vermouth velouté **GF**
- Cauliflower steak frites, mushroom jus and green peppercorn **V | VF | GF**
- Chickpea panisse with braised lentils, zucchini noodles and pumpkin seed pesto **V | VF | GF**

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## Dessert

End your night on a high with one of our show-stopping desserts.

Select your package

### Mini Desserts to the Table

(V | VF | GF)

- Blood orange and dark chocolate tart
- Chocolate and berry tart
- Passionfruit and caramel tart
- Banana and hazelnut cake, coffee and whiskey mousse
- Lemon and raspberry brownie

+ Additional items

### To Share

(V | VF | GF)

**\$56.50 per platter (serves 10)**

- Baby cos, heirloom cherry tomato, and pickled watermelon with black olive crumb
- Chipotle-rubbed carrots with chimichurri and mint
- Chat potato with fermented black garlic and parsley crumb

### Plated Desserts

+ Alternate drop is available for **\$6.50 per person**

- Berry panna cotta, puffed grains pressed sable, raspberry jelly, strawberry and hibiscus consommé  
**V | VF | GF**
- Chocolate pressed sable, hazelnut creameux, pear jelly and pear sorbet  
**V | VF | GF**



**Mini Signature Sweets Table**  
A playful platter, bursting with Melbourne's best mini sweets made by our award-winning pastry chefs

# Networking Gala

Connect, celebrate and make memories while enjoying delicious food and drinks in the heart of the city.



*Baby cos, heirloom cherry tomato and pickled watermelon and black olive crumb*

## Standard Inclusions

- Variety of teas and barista-made coffee
- Selection of handmade chocolate truffles
- House-made sourdough bread with olive oil and butter

## Substantial Canapés

- Rare roasted Victorian lamb loin, beetroot relish, lemon myrtle mayo and rice cake **GF**
- Hiramasa kingfish ceviche with finger lime, green chilli and coconut **GF**
- Chicken and sweetcorn potsticker with yellow bean dressing and chilli crisp
- Char-grilled king brown mushroom with Warragul green pesto **V | VF | GF**

## Shared Main Course

- Victorian Farms beef fillet with truffled mash, smoked bush tomato butter and bordelaise jus **GF**
- Crusted barramundi with macadamia crumb, pea puree and fried saltbush **GF**
- Rolled Bendigo chicken stuffed with field mushroom duxelle, confit garlic and thyme jus **GF**
- Roast cauliflower with braised white beans, espelette oil and watercress **V | VF | GF**

## Sides

**(V | VF | GF)**

- Baby cos, heirloom cherry tomato, and pickled watermelon with black olive crumb
- Chat potato with fermented black garlic and parsley crumb

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## Elevate your Event

Take your event to the next level with a dessert activation, pop-up bar or late night bites.



**Fromage L'Artisan**  
Crafted by third-generation French cheesemaker Matthieu Megard, L'Artisan cheese showcases the terroir of the Great Ocean Road. Enjoy a cheese selection served with fruit, nuts and house-baked sourdough bread

## Smash It!

\$13 per person

Chefs will be on-hand smashing pieces of delectable sweet treats featuring flavour combinations such as caramelised milk chocolate, rocky road and a new take on the Aussie classic – berry and coconut lamington **V**

## Affogato Bar

\$12 per person

Enjoy our award-winning hazelnut ice cream topped with freshly brewed espresso coffee

## Fromage L'Artisan

\$14 per person

Crafted by third-generation French cheesemaker Matthieu Megard, L'Artisan cheese showcases the unique aspects of the Great Ocean Road region. Enjoy a cheese selection served with fruit, nuts and house-baked sourdough bread **V**

## Late Night Bites

\$13 per person

Select two

As the night winds down, treat your guests to these end-of-event favourites.

- Butter chicken pie with eggplant kasundi
- Angus beef burger with American cheese, pickle, dijonnaise and ketchup
- Choc-dipped mini-ice creams with freeze-dried raspberry **V**
- Shoestring fries with tomato sauce and aioli **V**
- Torched mandarin and passionfruit meringue tart **V | GF**



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**Rye Is The Business**  
Gospel Straight Rye Whiskey,  
lemon juice, honey syrup and fresh mint

**Margarita**  
Batanga Tequila Blanco, Triple Sec,  
lime juice and fresh lime

## Non-Alcoholic Beverage Packages

Sip on something special with our non-alcoholic selection of drinks

### Standard Package

(per person)

- 1 hour **\$15.50**
- 2 hours **\$18.50**
- 3 hours **\$22**
- 4 hours **\$25**
- 5 hours **\$28**

### Standard Inclusions

- Variety of soft drinks and juices
- Carafes of water

### Premium Package

(per person)

- 1 hour **\$23**
- 2 hours **\$31**
- 3 hours **\$39**
- 4 hours **\$46**
- 5 hours **\$52.50**

### Standard Inclusions

- One non-alcoholic wine
- One non-alcoholic beer
- One ETCH native sparkling water
- Two Naked Life mocktails
- Variety of soft drinks and juices
- Carafes of water

# Alcoholic Beverage Packages

Select from our collection of local wines, craft beers and seltzers.

## Classic Package

(per person)

- 1 hour **\$28**
- 2 hours **\$37**
- 3 hours **\$45**
- 4 hours **\$53**
- 5 hours **\$60**

+ Additional half hour **\$6.50 per person**

### Standard Inclusions

- One ETCH Native flavoured sparkling water
- One classic sparkling wine
- One classic white wine
- One classic red wine
- One classic rosé
- One standard beer
- One non-alcoholic beer
- One seltzer
- Variety of soft drinks and juices
- Carafes of water

+ An additional white and red **\$6 per person**

+ 750ml glass bottles of still and sparkling water to the table CAPI water **\$3 per person**

## Premium Package

(per person)

- 1 hour **\$35**
- 2 hours **\$43.50**
- 3 hours **\$52**
- 4 hours **\$59.50**
- 5 hours **\$67**

+ Additional half hour **\$6.50 per person**

### Standard Inclusions

- One ETCH Native flavoured sparkling water
- One Naked Life mocktail
- One premium sparkling wine
- One premium white wine
- One premium red wine
- One premium rosé
- One non-alcoholic sparkling wine
- One standard beer
- One premium beer
- One non-alcoholic beer
- One seltzer
- Variety of soft drinks and flavoured water
- Variety of fruit juices
- Carafes of water

+ An additional white and red **\$6 per person**

+ 750ml glass bottles of still and sparkling water to the table CAPI water **\$3 per person**

## Executive Package

(per person)

- 1 hour **\$43**
- 2 hours **\$52**
- 3 hours **\$60**
- 4 hours **\$68**
- 5 hours **\$75**

+ Additional half hour **\$6.50 per person**

### Standard Inclusions

- One signature Four Pillars Gin & Tonic can
- One ETCH Native flavoured sparkling water
- One Naked Life mocktail
- One executive sparkling wine
- One executive white wine
- One executive red wine
- One executive rosé
- One non-alcoholic sparkling wine
- Two premium beers
- One non-alcoholic beer
- One seltzer
- Variety of soft drinks and flavoured water
- Variety of fruit juices
- Glass bottles of still and sparkling water on table

+ An additional white and red **\$6 per person**



## Upgrade

Upgrade your Classic or Premium package by adding our Four Pillars canned mixers for **\$7 per person** upon arrival.

### Select one

- Rare Dry Gin and Tonic (5.1%) - 250ml
- Bloody Shiraz Gin and Tonic (5.1%) - 250ml
- Fresh Yuzu Gin & Soda (5.1%) - 250ml

Alternatively, you can pre-purchase a selected quantity for **\$14.50 each**.



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**FOUR PILLARS  
GIN BAR**

## Cocktails and Mocktails

Add a pre selected amount of cocktails to your beverage package.

### Standard Cocktails

\$15 each

*Select up to two*

#### Espresso Martini

Aether vodka, Kahlua, espresso, cocktail syrup and coffee beans

#### Margarita

Batanga Tequila Blanco, Triple Sec, lime juice and fresh lime

#### Negroni

Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin, Campari, Rosso Vermouth, amaretto and fresh orange

#### French 75

Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin, lemon juice, and prosecco with a lemon twist

### Signature Cocktails

\$20 each

*Select up to two*

#### Clover Club

Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin, lemon juice, raspberry syrup and fresh raspberries

#### Rye Is The Business

Gospel Straight Rye Whiskey, lemon juice, honey syrup and fresh mint

#### Bloody Gin Sour

Four Pillars Bloody Shiraz Gin, lemon juice, cocktail syrup and fresh lemon

#### Blackberry Margarita

Batanga Tequila Blanco, Chambord, lime juice, Triple Sec and fresh lime

## Mocktails

### Naked Life Mocktails

\$7 each

- Gin and Tonic
- Italian Spritz
- Caribbean, Lime and Soda

### Upgrade

Elevate your event with our Four Pillars activation station when you order minimum 400 of our signature Four Pillars gin cocktails — Clover Club or Bloody Gin Sour. *You decide the mix.*



#### Clover Club

Four Pillars Rare Dry Gin, lemon juice, raspberry syrup and fresh raspberries

## Classic Wines

### Sparkling

- Cloud Street Sparkling NV, Victoria
- Rococo Sparkling, King Valley

### White

- Pettavel Viognier 2022, Yarra Valley
- Redbank 'Victorian Selection' Pinot Grigio 2023, King Valley
- St Ignatius CW Contemplation Chardonnay 2020, Pyrenees

### Red

- 'Re-Write the Rules' Pinot Noir 2022, Pyrenees
- St Ignatius CW Contemplation Shiraz 2018, Pyrenees
- Trentham Estate 'The Family' Nero D'Avola 2020, Murray Darling

### Rosé

- Mitchelton 'The Bend' Rosé 2021, Goulburn Valley



## Premium Wines

### Sparkling

- Scotchman's Hill Swan Bay Prosecco, Geelong King Valley
- Balgownie NV Brut, Yarra Valley

### White

- Bellarine Estate James' Paddock Chardonnay, Geelong Bellarine Peninsula
- John Gehrig Riesling 2019, King Valley
- Michelini Italian Selection Pinot Grigio 2023, Alpine Valley

### Red

- Blue Pyrenees Estate Section 1 Shiraz 2020, Pyrenees
- La Cantina Dolcetto 2022, King Valley
- Helen & Joey 'Alena' Pinot Noir 2022, Yarra Valley

### Rosé

- Tahbilk Grenache Mourvedre Rosé, Goulburn Valley

## Executive Wines

### Sparkling

- Nomads Garden Prosecco, King Valley
- Tahbilk Coueslant Chardonnay Pinot Noir Sparkling, Goulburn Valley

### White

- Fenian Wines Pinot Gris 2023, Mornington Peninsula
- Levantine Hill Glen Garvald Chardonnay 2022, Yarra Valley

### Red

- In Dreams Pinot Noir 2022, Yarra Valley
- Sally's Paddock Sasha Cabernet Shiraz, Pyrenees

### Rosé

- Levantine Hill Glen Garvald Rosé 2022, Yarra Valley

# Beer and Seltzer

## Standard Beer

- Stomping Ground Laneway Lager (4.7%) **VF**
- Mountain Goat Pale Ale (4.8%) **VF**

## Premium Beer

- Good Land Good Lager (5%) **VF**
- Urban Alley Urban Ale (4.2%) **VF**

## Seltzer

- Moon Dog Fizzer Piney Limey **VF | GF**

# Non-Alcoholic

## Non-Alcoholic Beer

- Bridge Road Free Time (<0.5%) **VF**

## Non-Alcoholic Sparkling Wine

- Vinada Sparkling Chardonnay

## ETCH Native Flavoured Sparkling Water

- Finger Lime & Lemon Myrtle **VF**
- Mountain Pepperberry & Raspberry **VF**



# Start planning your next event

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