



MITRE TAVERN STEAK & GRILL

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## H I S T O R Y O F T H E M I T R E T A V E R N

*The great city of Melbourne was founded on August 30 1835. Less than two years later, one could have stood on the corner of Collins and Queen Streets and, through the gum trees, looked upon the site where the Mitre Tavern now stands.*

*Sir Charles Ebdon, previously an eminent citizen of Sydney attended a land sale in June 1837 and bought several allotments which gave him a frontage of three chains in Collins Street and encompassed the present day site of the Mitre Tavern, all for the £136.*

*Two years later, Sir Charles sold the land. The Bank of Australia bought a part and the rest was subdivided. In that subdivision provision was made for what is now Bank Place.*

*On one of the lots facing this lane a private home was built. The owner is no longer known, but the two-storey structure is now called the Mitre Tavern and is (as documented by the Melbourne City Council) the oldest building in Melbourne.*

*The architecture is distinctly English with no concessions made for the Australian climate. The steeply pitch roof is still waiting for the snow that will never come, while the tiny windows acknowledge the ancient 'window tax' of the mother country. The gables and exterior glasswork were typical of English Inns of the time and it was perhaps inevitable that the building would become a hostelry.*

*In 1868 Mr Henry Thompson became the first of many publicans at the Mitre Tavern with his successful application for a liquor license. Under a succession of licensees it has remained a tavern for over one hundred and forty years, the longest continuously licenced premises in Melbourne.*

*The Melbourne Dog Club had its inaugural meeting at the Mitre Tavern. The patronage of hunting, coursing and racing men made a sportsman's rendezvous of the Mitre and the first Victorian Polo Club also regularly met at the Mitre. Names perpetuated in many Victorian streets and towns were on the membership list – Sir Redmon Barry, Captain Standish, Robert Power, Reginald Bright, Finlay Campbell and Edward Fanning among them.*

*Then, as now, the courts and officials of law were to be found in the vicinity and from nearby Temple Court and Chancery Lane came distinguished patrons. Sir Bryan O'Loughlen, J.L. Purves, K.C. Charles Miller also became familiar faces of the Mitre.*

*The little tavern stayed as the city grew and, in 1923, an order was issued that six bedrooms be added, the kitchen renovated and the words 'Accommodation for Visitors' be painted on the front wall. The licensee contested the order maintaining that the number and quality of the meals served there compensated the lack of accommodation and that altering the building would be an act of vandalism. Fortunately the licensee's appeal succeeded.*

*In 1930 a huge crowd of bidders attended an auction which saw the Tavern passed in at 22,250 pounds. It was subsequently bought by the Royal Insurance Company which planned to demolish it to make room for additions to its Collins Street building. The Mitre stubbornly hung on until 1937 when the Company had a change of heart and reprieved the little inn again.*

*Mr W.K. Fethers, then Manager of the Royal Insurance Company, described the Tavern's Gothic façade as a splendid example of the architectural period. He was supported by a contemporary newspaper which said the Mitre Tavern is an architectural gem and a relic of the pioneering and hunting days.*

*Few patrons are aware of the fact that this cosy cottage style pub spawned the name of the Mitre 10 hardware chain. Two of the founding members were drinking at the Tavern when inspiration struck: 'mitre' is a hardware term. The Mitre '10'? Well, it had a nicer ring to it than Mitre 2.*

*Across the road from the Mitre stands the Savage Club, which was built by Sir William Clarke - Australia's first baronet. The Mitre's connection to the Clarke family is a bit sad as with Sir Rupert Clarke's mistress, Connie Waugh, said to have hung herself in the Mitre. Her ghost is believed to have been seen, haunting the rooms and halls of the tavern to this day.*

*Today, the venue that was a base for hunting the many deer that roamed the nearby bush has become patronised largely by business people looking to escape the rush of the city or to enjoy a fantastic meal upstairs in the newly refurbished Steakhouse*

# *The Wine List*



# Wines by the Glass

## Sparkling

*Morgan's Bay Sparkling*  
*Mionetto Prosecco DOC*

Victoria 8  
Italy 12.5

## White

*Morgan's Bay Sauvignon Blanc*  
*T'Gallant 'Juliet' Moscato*  
*Taltarni Chardonnay*  
*Pikes Pinot Grigio*  
*Corryton Burge Riesling*  
*Pikes Sangiovese Rosé*  
*Mahi Sauvignon Blanc*

Multi-region, SA 10  
Mornington Peninsula 10  
Victoria 12  
Clare Valley, SA 12  
Eden Valley, SA 12  
Clare Valley, SA 12  
Marlborough, NZ 14

## Red

*The Gillooly of Tallarook Shiraz*  
*Wynns 'The Gables' Cabernet Sauvignon*  
*Cloud Street Pinot Noir*  
*Pepperjack Shiraz*  
*Charles Melton 'La Belle Mere' GSM*

Goulburn Valley, Vic 12  
Coonawarra, SA 13  
Multi-region, Vic 13  
Barossa, SA 16  
Barossa, SA 18

## Premium Red (150 ml)

*Penfolds Bin 28 Shiraz*  
Multi-region, multi-vineyard straight Shiraz.  
Deep crimson, dark cherry, and blackberry.

Coonawarra, SA 25

# Wines by the Bottle

## Sparkling

<i>Mionetto Prosecco DOC</i>	Italy	55
<i>Jansz Premium Non-Vintage Cuvee</i>	Pipers River, Tas	79
<i>Moet &amp; Chandon</i>	Champagne, France	145
<i>Veuve Clicquot</i>	Champagne, France	175
<i>Bollinger 'Special Cuvee'</i>	Champagne, France	190
<i>Pol Roger Reserve</i>	Champagne, France	210

## White Varietals

<i>T'Gallant 'Juliet' Moscato 2022</i>	Mornington Peninsula, Vic	45
<i>Marc Bredif Vouvray Classic, Chenin Blanc 2022</i>	France	95
<i>Gustave Lorentz Pinot Blanc 2021</i>	France	99
<i>Louis Jadot Chablis 2022</i>	France	110

## Rose

<i>Pikes 'Luccio' Sangiovese Rosé 2023</i>	Clare Valley, SA	55
<i>Port Phillip Estate Salasso Rosé 2022</i>	Mornington Peninsula, Vic	69
<i>Le Grand Cros Rosé 2021</i>	Provence, France	89

## Riesling

<i>Corryton Burge Riesling 2022</i>	Eden Valley, SA	59
<i>O'Leary-Walker 'Polish Hill River' Riesling 2023</i>	Clare Valley, SA	75
<i>Pikes Traditional Riesling 2022</i>	Clare Valley, SA	75
<i>Balthasar Ress 'Rheingau' Riesling 2021</i>	Germany	95

## Pinot Gris

<i>Pikes Pinot Grigio 2023</i>	Clare Valley, SA	55
<i>Squealing Pig Pinot Gris 2022</i>	Marlborough, New Zealand	65
<i>The Lane Pinot Gris 2023</i>	Adelaide Hills, SA	65
<i>Corte Giara Pinot Grigio 2022</i>	Italy	69
<i>La Lot Pinot Grigio 2021</i>	Italy	69

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## Sauvignon Blanc

<i>Morgan's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2023</i>	Victoria	30
<i>Jack &amp; Jill Sauvignon Blanc 2023</i>	Bellarine Peninsula, Vic	55
<i>Mahi Sauvignon Blanc 2023</i>	Marlborough, New Zealand	70

## Chardonnay

<i>Taltarni Chardonnay 2020</i>	Victoria	55
<i>Bouchard Aine &amp; Fils Chardonnay 2022</i>	France	59
<i>St.Huberts 'The Stag' Chardonnay 2023</i>	Victoria	65
<i>Petaluma 'White Label' Chardonnay 2022</i>	Adelaide Hills, SA	69
<i>Yering Station Chardonnay 2022</i>	Yarra Valley, Vic	89
<i>Kooyong Chardonnay 2022</i>	Mornington Peninsula, Vic	99
<i>Fermoy Reserve Chardonnay 2020</i>	Margaret River, WA	125

## Pinot Noir

<i>Tuerong Park Dromana Estate Pinot Noir 2021</i>	Mornington Peninsula, Vic	60
<i>Cloud Street Pinot Noir 2022</i>	Multi-regional, Vic	65
<i>De Bortoli Estate Pinot Noir Pinot Noir 2022</i>	Yarra Valley, Vic	69
<i>Punt Road Pinot Noir 2023</i>	Yarra Valley, Vic	89
<i>Josef Chromy Pinot Noir 2021</i>	Relbia, Tas	95
<i>Scotchman's Hill Pinot Noir 2022</i>	Bellarine Peninsula, Vic	95
<i>Solitude Pinot Noir 2022</i>	Yarra Valley, Vic	95
<i>Craigie Knowe Pinot Noir 2022</i>	Freycinet Coast, Tas	99
<i>Kate Hill Pinot Noir 2019</i>	Coal River Valley, Tas	110
<i>Mt. Difficulty Pinot Noir 2020</i>	Central Otago, NZ	145
<i>Levantine Hill Pinot Noir 2019</i>	Yarra Valley, Vic	149

## Red Varietals

<i>Coriole Sangiovese 2022</i>	McLaren Vale, SA	75
<i>Paracombe Malbec 2019</i>	Adelaide Hills, SA	79
<i>Domaine Asmara Durif 2019</i>	Heathcote, Vic	95
<i>Cellier des Samons Beaujolais 2022</i>	France	99
<i>Rocche Costamagna Langhe Nebbiolo 2021</i>	Italy	105
<i>The Bridge Malbec 2018</i>	Heathcote, Vic	110
<i>Arnaud Baillet "La Montagne" Bourgogne 2021</i>	France	149
<i>Palladino Barolo 2019</i>	Italy	190

## Half-bottles (375mL)

<i>Scotchman Hill Chardonnay 2020</i>	<i>Bellarine Peninsula, Vic</i>	<b>39</b>
<i>Penfolds 'Koonunga Hill' Shiraz Cabernet 2021</i>	<i>Koonunga Hill, SA</i>	<b>29</b>
<i>Wirra Wirra Church Block 2021</i> <i>(Cab-Sauv, Shiraz, Merlot)</i>	<i>McLaren Vale, SA</i>	<b>35</b>

## Cab/Sauvignon-Merlot Blends

<i>Annie's Lane Cabernet-Merlot 2022</i>	<i>Clare Valley, SA</i>	<b>59</b>
<i>Geoff Hardy 'Pertaringa' Merlot 2022</i>	<i>McLaren Vale, SA</i>	<b>65</b>
<i>Moss Wood 'Amy's' Cabernet Merlot Malbec 2021</i>	<i>Margaret River, WA</i>	<b>95</b>

<i>Wynns 'The Gables' Cabernet Sauvignon 2021</i>	<i>Coonawarra, SA</i>	<b>60</b>
<i>Hugo Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018</i>	<i>McLaren Vale, SA</i>	<b>69</b>
<i>Petaluma 'White Label' Cabernet Sauvignon 2020</i>	<i>Coonawarra, SA</i>	<b>69</b>
<i>Devil's Cave Cabernet Sauvignon 2018</i>	<i>Heathcote, Vic</i>	<b>79</b>
<i>Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon 2019</i>	<i>Central Victoria</i>	<b>79</b>
<i>Bowen Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2022</i>	<i>Coonawarra, SA</i>	<b>95</b>
<i>Peel Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018</i>	<i>Margaret River, WA</i>	<b>105</b>
<i>Wynns 'Black Label' Cabernet Sauvignon 2021</i>	<i>Coonawarra, SA</i>	<b>115</b>
<i>Geoff Merrill Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014</i>	<i>McLaren Vale, SA</i>	<b>119</b>
<i>Atticus Cabernet Sauvignon 2011</i>	<i>Margaret River, WA</i>	<b>125</b>

## Shiraz-Grenache

<i>Glaetzer 'Wallace' Shiraz-Grenache 2021</i>	<i>Barossa, SA</i>	<b>75</b>
<i>Charles Melton 'La Belle Mere' GSM 2021</i>	<i>Barossa, SA</i>	<b>85</b>
<i>Varney Wines GSM 2020</i>	<i>McLaren Vale, SA</i>	<b>89</b>
<i>Henschke 'Henry's Seven' GSM 2022</i>	<i>Barossa, SA</i>	<b>95</b>

## Shiraz

<i>St Hallett 'Black Clay' Shiraz 2022</i>	Barossa, SA	55
<i>Mt. Duneed Estate Shiraz 2021</i>	Yea Valley, Vic	59
<i>Ziegler 'The Brickyard' Shiraz 2022</i>	Barossa, SA	65
<i>Pepperjack Shiraz 2021</i>	Barossa, SA	69
<i>Hugo Shiraz 2021</i>	McLaren Vale, SA	69
<i>Paracombe Shiraz 2017</i>	Adelaide Hills, SA	70
<i>Reschke 'Bull Trader' Shiraz 2021</i>	Coonawarra, SA	70
<i>Tahbilk Shiraz 2020</i>	Central Victoria	75
<i>O'Leary Walker Shiraz 2021</i>	Clare Valley, SA	75
<i>De Bortoli Handcrafted Shiraz 2022</i>	Heathcote, Vic	79
<i>Bests Bin 1 Shiraz 2020</i>	Grampians Vic	79
<i>Coriole Estate Shiraz 2021</i>	McLaren Vale, SA	85
<i>Mt Langhi 'Cliff Edge' Shiraz 2020</i>	Grampians, Vic	85
<i>Stud Farm Shiraz 2021</i>	Heathcote, Vic	85
<i>Chateau Tanunda Shiraz 2021</i>	Barossa, SA	89
<i>Powell &amp; Son Shiraz 2019</i>	Barossa, SA	89
<i>Taylor's Shiraz 2022</i>	Clare Valley, SA	89
<i>Glaetzer Bishop Shiraz 2021</i>	Barossa, SA	95
<i>Scotchman's Hill Shiraz 2022</i>	Bellarine Peninsula, Vic	95
<i>Fox Creek Short Row Shiraz 2018</i>	McLaren Vale, SA	99
<i>St. Hallett 'Butchers Cart' Shiraz 2022</i>	Barossa, SA	99
<i>Heathcote Estate Shiraz 2021</i>	Heathcote, Vic	119
<i>The Bridge Shiraz 2018</i>	Heathcote, Vic	125
<i>Penfolds Bin 28 Shiraz 2021</i>	Barossa, SA	130
<i>Kaesler 'The Bogan' Shiraz 2021</i>	Barossa, SA	135
<i>Craiglee Shiraz 2019</i>	Sunbury, Vic	145
<i>Geoff Merrill 'Reserve' Shiraz 2015</i>	McLaren Vale, SA	145
<i>Kaesler 'Old Vine' Shiraz 2019</i>	Barossa, SA	150
<i>Penfolds Bin 128 Shiraz 2021</i>	Barossa, SA	169



# Steakhouse

## Cellar Collection

**Henschke Keyneton Estate Euphonium 2019** Barossa, SA 175

*A blend of 40% Shiraz, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot and 10% Cabernet Franc. Deep crimson colour with deep crimson hue. Medium body. Perfumed nose of violet and cedar, followed by a hint of spice, vanilla and confectionary. The palate is both mouth filling and elegant, showing excellent length and depth of flavour. Very long aftertaste of mulberry, cedar, vanilla and pepper*

**Hugo Reserve Shiraz 2015** McLaren Vale, SA 179

*Clean & intense, featuring volumes of juicy black current, blood plum & dark cherry fruit elements that are enhanced by the lingering complex flavours & divers characteristics experienced in the mouthfeel. In addition, displaying excellent fruit/acid/tannin balance which is achieved by the careful use of quality oak & individual barrel selection of old wine, dry grown fruit, source exclusively from the family estate.*

**D' Arenberg Dead Arm Shiraz 2018** McLaren Vale, SA 195

*Upon release, 'The Dead Arm' Shiraz has a vivid, young, dense, purple-red colour. Very intense aromas with a complex combination of fragrant spices and violets, dark cherry, blackberry and blueberry, are made more complex with great liquorice, pepper and integrated svelte of boot-polish like characters. The taste is rich, gutsy and virile, with attacking spice, dark liquorice, cherry, blackberry, plum and dried black olive.*

**Fox Creek Reserve Shiraz 2017** McLaren Vale, SA 195

*The palate is rich and full with plum and red cherries up front, with the strawberries and custard filling out the mid palate. The wine finishes with great balance and elegance, and is characterised by black spices, nutty oak and focussed youthful tannins which will soften as the wine ages.*

**O'Leary Walker Claire Reserve Shiraz 2016** Clare Valley, SA 220

*The Claire is only produced in outstanding Vintages. Texture, concentration of character and structure are features of this wine and the vineyard is the key. Made from 116 year old Shiraz from the Polish Valley 2006 was a very good Vintage as many of these vintage wines have found their way to market. The Claire again is very powerful and concentrated in colour and structure. The bouquet is powerful blackberry spice with hints of chocolate and cedar. The palate is even powerful and long with fine grain tannin and balanced acid. The wine has spent over 2 years in small French oak hogsheads which age between new, one and two year old.*

**Penfolds Bin 150 Marananga Shiraz 2016** Barossa, SA 250

*Bright red fruits conspire to create an amalgam, a continuum of flavours basking texturally avec sheen, gloss. These fruits do not travel solo – chinotto, liquorice, bread and butter pudding flavours peddle in parallel, quietly courted by stylish oak.*

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**Yalumba Octavius Shiraz 2017** Barossa, SA 295

*Concentrated, dense plum-purple in colour, Yalumba The Octavius Barossa Shiraz 2017 smells of violets, forest fruits, warm spices and rich plums, all with a slightly funky edge and a good measure of dense, chocolatey, smoky oak*

**Penfolds RWT 798 Shiraz 2020** Barossa, SA 295

*The 2020 RWT Shiraz Bin 798 is a powerhouse of bloody fruit and firm tannin. It veritably explodes from the blocks, showing plum skin, raspberry leaf, blackberry, mulberry, lashings of salted licorice and rendered lamb fat.*

**Penfolds St Henri Shiraz 2019** Multi-regional, SA 320

*Plush, fleshy and mouth filling – showcasing a cleverly woven texture and deceptive (fruit) weight. Nectarine and blood plum fruits courted by the largesse of big, ripe and round tannins. Maturation precursors already awoken, although yet to ascend/unfurl – fresh wallet leather, pan scrapings, ... Long and persistent. Polished*

**Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz 2015** Multi-regional, SA 340

*Higher notes reveal custard tart and brulee, courting meaty pan-scrapings/juices. Beneath, a darker edge – black pudding and sweetbread. A spoil of fruits meshed with a grain-like paste – chaff/oats/barley/wheat germ. At once chewy and succulent, heightened by a mouth-watering acidity and overt 2015 'elongated' tannins.*

**Reschke Empyrean Cabernet Sauvignon 2010** Coonawarra, SA 340

*The vines are meticulously hand pruned as one measure, to keep the vineyards balanced and yields low. The result is small thick-skinned berries expressing pure Coonawarra character. The resulting wine is complex and lengthy, with malolactic fermentation and maturation being completed in only hand selected new French oak*

**Wynns 'John Riddoch' Cabernet 2018** Coonawarra, SA 350

*Supple and polished, this wine first displays concentrated black olive and mulberry, which lead to elegant tobacco, cassis and hints of rosemary. Powerful and restrained, the melding of concentrated dark fruit, subtle savoury notes and definitive, firm, bright chalky tannins, create a timeless wine with phenomenal purity and savoury spice finish.*

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**Penfolds Cabernet Sauvignon Bin 407 2014** Barossa, SA 390

*Bin 407 offers varietal definition and approachability, yet still with structure and depth of flavour. Textbook cabernet sauvignon, the varietally expressive Bin 407 highlights the rewards of Penfolds multi-region, multi-vineyard blending, with a core of ripe fruit supported by sensitive use of French and American oak.*

**Wendouree Shiraz Mataro 2019** Clare Valley, SA 390

*Fragrant nose. Raspberry, wine gum, with a blueberry base note, plus trademark coal dust. Long palate, tight-fisted yet refined tannins, coal and iron filings laced through lively red and blue fruits.*

**Wendouree Shiraz 2016** Clare Valley, SA 495

*Considered by many as one of Australia's greatest Shiraz. The vineyard is tiny, with low-yielding, beautifully formed old vines, many from the original plantings. Low input viticulture, laissez faire winemaking and maturation in about 1/3 new oak allows the wine to speak of place. These are dense, strongly flavoured wines with beautifully intense varietal fruit, massive concentration and a hallmark muscular sinewy tannin structure. The overall mass of fruit sweetness complements the toughness of the wine*

**Penfolds Cabernet Sauvignon Bin 707 2004** Barossa, SA 1200

*The 'Grange' cabernet long marked by its big 'sweet,' American oak nose is showing more fruit than ever in 2004 mixing cassis and raspberry with licorice and pepper. Textures are lush and ripe with more black fruits, black pepper, coffee, tobacco and just a hint or orange citrus. Dense and rich, yet only 13.5 per cent alcohol, it is neither jammy nor hot.*

**Grange 2017** Multi-regional, SA 1600

*Unmistakably Grange—formic, ripe, pungent, confronting. Core: darker elements—soy/cola/peat/coal-dust/Dutch black liquorice with sesame/sea-weed/quince paste. Beneath: coffee-grind/mocha/bitter chocolate (from oak?). Above: African spices coupled with a fleeting and appealing glacial waft.. A great Grange..*

## Dessert Wines 60 mls

	<i>Gls</i>	<i>Btl</i>
<i>Elderton Botrytis Semillon</i>	15	95
<i>De Bortoli Noble One</i>	15	95
<i>Soumah Botrytis Viognier</i>		105
<i>Carmes de Rieussec Sauternes</i>	16	105

## Fortified Wines 60 mls

<i>Campbells Classic Muscat, NV</i>	12	75
<i>Campbells Liquid Gold Classic Topaque, NV</i>	12	75
<i>Pedro "The Padlock" Sherry, NV</i>	13	115
<i>Seppeltsfield Para Port 10yrs</i>	15	150
<i>Mr Pickwick's Tawny Port, NV</i>	15	180
<i>Penfolds Grandfather Liqueur Port NV</i>	22	275

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