



MITRE TAVERN STEAK & GRILL

#### HISTORY OF THE MITRE TAVERN

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 Ebden, 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 licences 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'Loghlen, 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 are 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

## <u>Sparkling</u>

Morgan's Bay Sparkling	Victoria	8
Mionetto Prosecco DOC	Italy	12.5
White		
Morgan's Bay Sauvignon Blanc	Multi-region, SA	10
T'Gallant 'Juliet' Moscato	Mornington Peninsula	10
Taltarni Chardonnay	Victoria	12
Pikes Pinot Grigio	Clare Valley, SA	12
Corryton Burge Riesling	Eden Valley, SA	12
Pikes Sangiovese Rosé	Clare Valley, SA	12,
Mahi Sauvignon Blanc	Marlborough, NZ	14
<u>Red</u>		
The Gillooly of Tallarook Shiraz	Goulburn Valley, Vic	10
Wynns 'The Gables' Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra, SA	13
Cloud Street Pinot Noir	Multi-region, Vic	13
Pepperjack Shiraz	Barossa, SA	16
Charles Melton 'La Belle Mere' GSM	Barossa, SA	18

### Premium Red (150 ml)

25

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

## Wines by the Bottle

## **Sparkling**

Mionetto Prosecco DOC Jansz Premium Non-Vintage Cuvee Moet & Chandon Veuve Clicquot Bollinger 'Special Cuvee' Pol Roger Reserve	Italy Pipers River, Tas Champagne, France Champagne, France Champagne, France Champagne, France	55 79 145 175 190 210
White Varieta	ı <u>ls</u>	
T'Gallant 'Juliet' Moscato 2022 Marc Bredif Vouvrey Classic, Chenin Blanc 2022 Gustave Lorentz Pinot Blanc 2021 Louis Jadot Chablis 2021	Mornington Peninsula, Vic France France France	45 95 99 110
Rose		
Pikes 'Luccio' Sangiovese Rosé 2022 Port Phillip Estate Salasso Rosé 2022 Le Grand Cros Rosé 2021	Clare Valley, SA Mornington Peninsula, Vic Provence, France	50 69 89
<u>Riesling</u>		
Corryton Burge Riesling 2022 O'Leary-Walker 'Polish Hill River' Riesling 2023 Pikes Traditional Riesling 2022 Balthasar Ress 'Rheingau' Riesling 2021	Eden Valley, SA Clare Valley, SA Clare Valley, SA Germany	59 75 75 95
Pinot Gris		
Pikes Pinot Grigio 2023 The Lane Pinot Gris 2023 Innocent Bystander Pinot Gris 2022 Corte Giara Pinot Grigio 2022 La Lot Pinot Grigio 2021	Clare Valley, SA Adelaide Hills, SA Yarra Valley, SA Italy Italy	55 65 65 69

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## Sauvignon Blanc

Morgan's Bay Sauvignon Blanc 2022 Jack & Jill Sauvignon Blanc 2022 Mahi Sauvignon Blanc 2022	Victoria Bellarine Peninsula, Vic Marlborough, New Zealand	30 55 70
<u>Chardonnay</u>	<u>'</u>	
Taltarni Chardonnay 2020	Victoria	55
St.Huberts 'The Stag' Chardonnay 2022	Victoria	65
Petaluma 'White Label' Chardonnay 2022	Adelaide Hills, SA	69
Yering Station Chardonnay 2022	Yarra Valley, Vic	89
Kooyong Chardonnay 2022	Mornington Peninsula, Vic	99
Chateaux-Fuisse 'Tete de Cuvee' 2020	France	IIO
Fermoy Reserve Chardonnay 2020	Margaret River, WA	125
Tuerong Park Dromana Estate Pinot Noir 2021 Cloud Street Pinot Noir 2022 De Bortoli Estate Pinot Noir Pinot Noir 2022 Punt Road Pinot Noir 2023 Josef Chromy Pinot Noir 2021 Scotchman's Hill Pinot Noir 2022 Kelvedon Estate Pinot Noir 2022 Craigie Knowe Pinot Noir 2022	Mornington Peninsula, Vic Multi-regional, Vic Yarra Valley, Vic Yarra Valley, Vic Relbia, Tas Bellarine Peninsula, Vic Swansea, Tas Freycinet Coast, Tas	60 65 69 89 95 95 99
Kate Hill Pinot Noir 2019	Coal River Valley, Tas	105
Mt. Difficulty Pinot Noir 2020	Central Otago, NZ	145
Levantine Hill Pinot Noir 2019	Yarra Valley, Vic	149
Red Varietal	<u>!s</u>	
Coriole Sangiovese 2022	McLaren Vale, SA	<i>75</i>
Paracombe Malbec 2019	Adelaide Hills, SA	79
Cellier des Samons Beaujolais 2022	France	99
Palladino Nebbiolo D'Alba 2021	Italy	110
The Bridge Malbec 2018	Heathcote, Vic	IIO
Arnaud Baillot "La Montagne" Bourgogne 2021	France	149
Palladino Barolo 2019	Italy	190

## Half-bottles (375mL)

Scotchman Hill Chardonnay 2020	Bellarine Peninsula, Vic	39
Penfolds 'Koonunga Hill' Shiraz Cabernet 2021	Koonunga Hill, SA	29
Wirra Wirra Church Block 2021	Mclaren Vale, SA	35
(Cab-Sauv, Shiraz, Merlot)	•	77
Cab/Sauvignon-Merl	ot Blends	
Annie's Lane Cabernet-Merlot 2021	Clare Valley, SA	59
Geoff Hardy 'Pertaringa' Merlot 2021	McLaren Vale, SA	65
Moss Wood 'Amy's' Cabernet Merlot Malbec 2021	Margaret River, WA	95
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Wynns 'The Gables' Cabernet Sauvignon 2021	Coonawarra, SA	60
Hugo Family Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018	McLaren Vale, SA	69
Petaluma 'White Label' Cabernet Sauvignon 2020	Coonawarra, SA	69
Devil's Cave Cabernet Sauvignon 2018	Heathcote, Vic	79
Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon 2019	Central Victoria	79
Bowen Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2021	Coonawarra, SA	95
Peel Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018	Margaret River, WA	105
Wynns 'Black Label' Cabernet Sauvignon 2019	Coonawarra, SA	115
Geoff Merrill Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2014	McLaren Vale, SA	119
Atticus Cabernet Sauvignon 2011	Margaret River, WA	125
Shiraz-Grenac	<u>he</u>	
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Glaetzer 'Wallace' Shiraz-Grenache 2021	Barossa, SA	<i>75</i>
Charles Melton 'La Belle Mere' GSM 2021	Barossa, SA	85
Varney Wines GSM 2020	McLaren Vale, SA	89
Henschke 'Henry's Seven' GSM 2022	Barossa, SA	95
XO Grenache 2020	McLaren Vale, SA	99

### Shiraz

St Hallett 'Black Clay' Shiraz 2022	Barossa, SA	55
Mt. Duneed Estate Shiraz 2021	Yea Valley, Vic	59
Ziegler 'The Brickyard' Shiraz 2022	Barossa, SA	65
Pepperjack Shiraz 2021	Barossa, SA	69
Hugo Shiraz 2021	McLaren Vale, SA	69
Paracombe Shiraz 2017	Adelaide Hills, SA	70
Reschke 'Bull Trader' Shiraz 2021	Coonawarra, SA	70
Tahbilk Shiraz 2019	Central Victoria	<i>75</i>
O'Leary Walker Shiraz 2020	Clare Valley, SA	<i>75</i>
De Bortoli Handcrafted Shiraz 2020	Heathcote, Vic	79
Haan Estate Shiraz 2019	Barossa, SA	79
Bests Bin 1 Shiraz 2020	Grampians Vic	<i>7</i> 9
Coriole Estate Shiraz 2021	McLaren Vale, SA	85
Mt Langhi 'Cliff Edge' Shiraz 2020	Grampians, Vic	85
Stud Farm Shiraz 2021	Heathcote, Vic	85
Powell & Son Shiraz 2019	Barossa, SA	89
Glaetzer Bishop Shiraz 2021	Barossa, SA	95
Scotchman's Hill Shiraz 2021	Bellarine Peninsula, Vic	95
Fox Creek Short Row Shiraz 2018	McLaren Vale, SA	99
St. Hallett 'Butchers Cart' Shiraz 2021	Barossa, SA	99
Heathcote Estate Shiraz 2021	Heathcote, Vic	119
The Bridge Shiraz 2018	Heathcote, Vic	125
Penfolds Bin 28 Shiraz 2021	Barossa, SA	130
Kaesler 'The Bogan' Shiraz 2021	Barossa, SA	135
Craiglee Shiraz 2019	Sunbury, Vic	145
Geoff Merrill 'Reserve' Shiraz 2015	McLaren Vale, SA	145
Kaesler 'Old Vine' Shiraz 2018	Barossa, SA	150
Penfolds Bin 128 Shiraz 2021	Barossa, SA	169

# Steakhouse Cellar Collection

#### Henschke Keyneton Estate Euphonium 2019

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 experience3d 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 2012 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

Unmistakably Grange—formic, ripe, pungent, confronting. Core: darker elements—soy/cola/peat/ coal-dust/Dutch black liquorice with sesame/seaweed/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

	Gls	Btl
Elderton Botrytis Semillon	15	95
De Bortoli Noble One	15	95
Soumah Botrytis Viognier		105

## Fortified Wines 60 mls

Campbells Classic Muscat, NV	I2	<i>75</i>
Campbells Liquid Gold Classic Topaque, NV	12	<i>75</i>
Pedro "The Padlock" Sherry, NV	13	115
Seppeltsfield Para Port 10yrs	15	150
Mr Pickwick's Tawny Port, NV	15	180
Penfolds Grandfather Liqueur Port NV	22	275

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