

MATARIKI BUFFET

(June through August)

A celebration of harvested foods and ageless winter specialities

Matariki is the Maori name for the star cluster Pleiades, also called the seven sisters. It is a significant time in New Zealand as marking the start of the traditional Maori New Year, first observed by the rise of Matariki and the New Year confirmed as the first new Moon is sighted after that. Matariki is due to begin on 25 June in 2017. Bright stars are considered to be a sign of a warm upcoming season and as a result good crops. It was seen to be an important time for families to reflect of those past and on the future. It was a time to celebrate with plenty of food harvested and stored and in our modern times surely a time for a New Zealand Thanks Giving or a Mid-year Solstice celebration.

ANTIPASTI APPETISERS AND SALADS

Bellbird breads, a selection of sourdoughs and ciabatta Walnut parsley pest and house-made cultured butter Cured salmon, salamis, Manuka smoked kahawai or wharehou (on availability) Rosemary roasted vegetable salad, spiced chickpeas, mixed slaw

MAINS

Baked ham, apple cider relish Aged beef ribeye, Yorkshire puddings, gravy and horseradish Sole fillets on vegetable chiffonade Roasted free range chickens with olives and garlic Balsamic roast Portobello mushrooms with winter herbs Roast potatoes, steamed seasonal vegetables

DESSERT STATION

Steamed chocolate and pear pudding Cherry chocolate brownie Passionfruit cheesecake Vanilla panna cotta with winter fruit compote

\$65.00 pp

ADD CHEESEBOARD

Accommodating fresh and aged, firm and soft artisan cheeses and a range of flavours, served with accompaniments \$ 10.00 pp

This menu has been created with most dietary requirements in mind. Special diets might be charged extra.. Minimum of 50 guests.

