

Celebrating Spanish cuisine

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Since arriving on Maltese shores, Spanish cuisine has found a home on the island. Renowned globally for its variety, rich flavors, and quality ingredients, the demand for Spanish food has grown rapidly the island, with an attractive offering of popular dishes like paella, tapas, and flavours from across the country's diverse regions. Today, October 12, what better way to celebrate Spain's National Day than to indulge in the vibrant cuisine of the country.

Fortunately, experiencing truly authentic Spanish cuisine in Malta has reached new heights. A new certification scheme now recognizes restaurants abroad that deliver genuine Spanish cuisine, and leading the charge in Malta is TAPEA. Located in the vibrant area of St Julian's, which was awarded the prestigious Restaurants From Spain Certification. The Restaurants From Spain Certification Program was



launched in 2020 by ICEX, the government agency in charge of promoting Spanish companies and goods abroad. This scheme recognizes and supports restaurants worldwide that focus on authentic Spanish cuisine and produce. The program ensures that establishments meet strict quality standards, offering consumers a trusted benchmark for genuine Spanish culinary experiences. TAPEA's recent recognition underscores its commitment to delivering a true taste of Spain.

At TAPEA, authenticity begins with the ingredients. The restaurant carefully sources premium Spanish products, from hand-sliced Iberian ham and

Manchego cheese to extra virgin olive oil and fine wines, bringing the very best of Spain directly to Malta. Its philosophy is simple: honor traditional recipes while elevating them with creativity. This is reflected in the menu, which includes iconic dishes such as paella and croquettes, but also innovative creations like XXL oxtail cannelloni or tenderloin with foie and a sherry wine reduction.

The kitchen is led by Chef Paola Álvarez, an architect



turned culinary visionary, whose dual background shapes both the flavors and the design of the dining experience. Each plate is conceived as a balance of aesthetics, tradition, and taste, offering guests not just a meal, but a journey through Spanish culture.

TAPEA's recognition by the Spanish government is not only a milestone for the restaurant but also for Malta's dining scene. For anyone longing to savor the richness of Spanish cuisine

without leaving Malta, TAPEA stands as a benchmark of quality, passion, and authenticity – bringing the heart of Spain to St Julian's. Look for the Restaurants from Spain seal, your guarantee of true Spanish cuisine.

