Spain: the art of good taste

If this year's European summer has left you dreaming of Spanish flavours, you're not alone.



Balcón by Tapavino in Sydney's CBD



Regional Spanish dishes at Olé

Look for the Restaurants from Spain and Colmados from Spain seals for guaranteed Spanish gastronomic authenticity.

CHANCES ARE YOU'RE thinking about the tiny, bustling bar you almost walked past, only to end up having the best meal of your trip. Or the place where a floor scattered with paper napkins wasn't a sign of neglect, but of a restaurant full of life.

Spain is perhaps best understood around the table. Its cuisine isn't defined by elaborate techniques or lengthy recipes, but by the quality of its produce and the extraordinary diversity of its regions and landscapes. Together, they give Spanish gastronomy its distinctive character.

Olive oil, seafood, artisan cheeses, cured meats, wines and preserves are more than ingredients; they reflect a way of life built on respect for origin, regional traditions and the simple pleasure of sharing good food.

As Cervantes put it, *"Todos los duelos con pan son menos"* – every sorrow is easier to bear when there's plenty on the table.

Back in Australia, the journey doesn't have to end. Across the country, venues awarded the Restaurants from Spain certification are bringing the country's regional flavours to Australian diners. Each has earned this distinction through commitment to authenticity and genuine Spanish ingredients – the very qualities that have made Spain a Land of Taste.



El Rincón brings everday Spain to Melbourne



Enjoy home-style Spanish meals at Encasa

Balcón by Tapavino
In Sydney's CBD, Balcón by Tapavino is a lively Spanish-inspired restaurant with one of the city's best outdoor dining spaces. The Josper charcoal oven brings smoky depth to Basque-style steaks and charcoal chicken while Galician-style octopus and chargrilled prawns showcase the kitchen's northern Spanish influence.
balcontapavino.com.au

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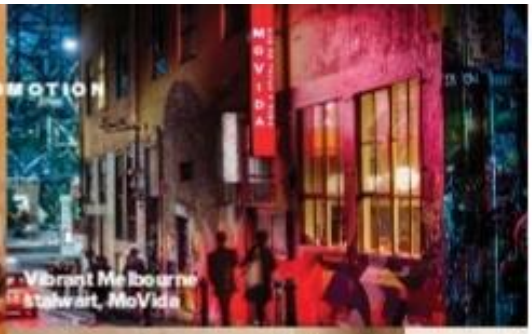
Percy draws inspiration from San Sebastián and Barcelona.



Food made for sharing at Tinto



Vibrant Melbourne stalwart, MoVida


Paripé in Sydney's Surry Hills


Explore regional Spanish cuisine at El Portón



Spanish steakhouse vibes at Meninas Grill


Inside Bondi's Ibérica with its laidback elegance

El Portón
Inspired by Spain's grand entrance gates, El Portón opens the door to the country's diverse regional cuisines. From Basque and Galician flavours to Asturian and Canarian specialties, the menu brings the breadth of Spanish cooking to the Gold Coast.
elporton.com.au

El Rincón
Not just about Spanish food, El Rincón in Melbourne embraces the way Spain eats with the tradition of ***sobremesa*** – where meals are designed to unfold slowly, and conversations linger well after plates are cleared. The menu explores Spain's regional cuisines heroing artisan produce.
elrincon.com.au

Encasa
Encasa (meaning at home) brings the warmth of Spanish home cooking to Sydney's CBD. The broad menu features flavours from across Spain – moving from lunchtime bocadillos to regional dinner dishes such as ***arroz caldoso***. Go for the weekend bottomless lunch, stay for dessert.
encasa.com.au

Ibérica
Just moments from Bondi Beach, Ibérica captures the relaxed elegance of Spain's Mediterranean coast. Inspired by Ibiza and Mallorca, menu highlights include grilled octopus, house-made gildas and charcoal-grilled sirloin, and features an extensive selection of Spanish wines and cocktails.
ibericabondi.com

Meninas Grill
Western Australia's first Restaurants from Spain-certified venue, Meninas Grill brings a Spanish perspective to the classic steakhouse. Expect charcoal-grilled meats and signature dishes, such as ***paella de velázquez***, that celebrate Spain's bold flavours and cooking traditions.
meninasgrill.com.au

MoVida Group
Founded by Frank Camorra, MoVida has spent decades connecting Australian diners with the flavours and traditions of Spain. From Cantabrian anchovies and premium conservas to its iconic dish ***anchoa***, the group celebrates Spain's food philosophy of simplicity, quality and place.
movida.com.au

Olé
Set on Brisbane's South Bank, Olé showcases Spain's regional cooking through traditional recipes, premium grilled meats and carefully crafted tapas. Complemented by an extensive Spanish wine list and house-made sangria selection, it offers a vibrant taste of Spain.
olerestaurant.com.au

Paripé
In the heart of Sydney's Surry Hills, Paripé blends Spanish dining with a lively cocktail culture. Candlelit interiors, creative tapas, impressive cheese boards and wine list invite its local following of diners to discover bold regional Spanish flavours.
paripe.com.au

Percy
Drawing inspiration from San Sebastián and Barcelona, Percy brings a modern Spanish approach to Sydney dining. The menu focuses on seasonal produce with dishes that let exceptional ingredients shine. The Berkshire pork rib chop dish is a standout.
percysydney.com.au

Tinto
Melbourne's Tinto celebrates the Spanish aperitivo tradition with vermouths, sherries, Spanish wines and signature cocktails. Paired with Jamón Ibérico, conservas and seasonal tapas, it's designed for long lunches, shared tables and relaxed evenings.
tintomelbourne.com.au

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