



# DINNER MENU

BOTANICO



at THE GARAGE

# FOREWORD

## ABOUT

Botanico is inspired from the word ‘Botany’, which is the science of plant life, and a branch of biology. Back in early days, Botany was used to identify and cultivate edible, medicinal and poisonous plants which makes it one of the oldest sciences in the world.

At Botanico, we take pride in using a diversity of ingredients from nature’s produce that transcends through our cuisine and concoctions; brought to you by our resident chef and mixologists.

You are now in a secret garden within a garden where a gastronomic journey of botanical creations begins.



- V BREAD OF THE DAY (2 PCS)** 7  
Served with house-smoked butter and condiments.

## NIBBLES

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- SEASONAL OYSTER (1 PC)** 6  
Topped with a chilli-shallot-fish sauce dressing.
- CHORIZO PIQUILLO PEPPER CROQUETTES (2PCS)** 8  
With fig and pineapple jam.
- V *Vegetarian option available at \$7.***
- V CAULIFLOWER** 10  
Shallow-fried, tossed in Cañarejal fondue, and finished with kaffir lime zest and spiced almonds.
- CRISPY BABY SQUID** 14  
Fried squid served with salted egg yolk aioli.

### V - VEGETARIAN

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# CHAPTER ONE



**Nutmeg** (*Myristica fragrans*)

Nutmeg is the seed or ground spice of several species of the genus *Myristica*. *Myristica fragrans* is a dark-leaved evergreen tree cultivated for two spices derived from its fruit: nutmeg and mace.

## NUTS

### *History*

Nuts have been a staple in the human diet since the beginning of time. In Singapore, “Kacang Puteh”, which means “white nuts”, is a popular traditional snack that is an assortment of nuts wrapped in thin paper cones made from old newspapers and magazine pages.

### *Uses*

Nuts are a highly prized food and energy source of nutrients for humans and wildlife. They are not only rich in protein and good fats but also add texture to dishes such as the “Duck Liver Terrine” – a popular appetizer in Botánico.

# STARTERS

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- V ASPARAGUS TEMPURA** 14  
Deep fried asparagus served on miso hollandaise and topped with scallions and sesame powder.
- V BOTANICO SALAD** 15  
Seasonally sourced tomatoes, figs, beetroot and quinoa crackers, served with burrata.
- V PORTOBELLO SALAD** 15  
Slow-cooked portobello mushrooms, piquillo peppers, pine nuts, pickled shimeiji, chickpea 'tofu' with seasonal salad leaves, and sesame dressing.
- “ASSAM LAKSA” CEVICHE** 17  
Chef's interpretation of Assam Laksa, comprising of a ceviche of seabass with green chilli, pomegranate and shaved ginger flower, served with tamarind dressed glass noodles and shrimp paste ice cream.  
*Classic Ceviche is available at \$15*
- HOKKAIDO SCALLOPS CARPACCIO** 18  
Thinly sliced hokkaido scallops served with yuzu curd, slow-cooked leeks and enoki tempura.
- BEEF TONGUE** 20  
Cold pickled beef tongue with pickled celeriac, mustard caviar, chipotle mayonnaise and fried capers.
- DUCK LIVER TERRINE** 21  
Duck liver terrine served with pickled beetroots, puff pastry, and a variety of nuts and seeds, cooked with soy.

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# CHAPTER TWO



## **Tembusu** (*Fagraea fragrans*)

The tembusu is a large evergreen tree in the family Gentianaceae. It is native to Southeast Asia. Its trunk is dark brown, with deeply fissured bark, looking somewhat like a bittergourd. It grows in an irregular shape from 10 to 25m high

## **TREES**

### *History*

Some of the oldest heritage trees in Singapore can be found on the very soil you are resting on. In Singapore Botanic Gardens, you can find the Tembusu (*Cyrtophyllum fragrans*) tree that is over 170 years old and is an icon that is featured at the back of the Singapore \$5 note.

### *Uses*

One of the primary purposes that trees serve is to provide wood which has traditionally been used for fuel. Using wood and fire is one of the earliest methods of cooking and is similarly practiced here at Botanico by using charcoal to create the selection of food “From The Inka”.

## SOUP & “LATTES”

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- WHITE GAZPACHO** 8  
Cold soup of almonds, garlic, olive oil and sherry vinegar, paired with pickled grapes and olives.
- V WILD MUSHROOMS “LATTE”** 8  
Warm soup topped with milk foam and fresh seasonal truffles, paired with a mini truffled cheese sandwich.
- FOIE GRAS “LATTE”** 15  
Rich soup of foie gras blended with cream and chicken stock, topped with milk foam, and paired with brioche.

## FROM THE INKA

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- PERI-PERI CHICKEN** 26  
Deboned half chicken, marinated with grilled peppers and citrus peels, served with grilled avocado and hazelnut polenta.
- “CURRY” LAMB NECK** 32  
24-hour slow cooked lamb neck fillets, served with Vadouvan-spiced king oyster mushrooms, soy pickled tomatoes, roasted potato foam, and pickled onions.
- IBÉRICO CHAR SIEW** 34  
Smoked and chargrilled top loin (pluma) accompanied by carrot noodles, carrot purée and honey pork jus.
- WAGYU BAVETTE** 35  
Also know as flank steak, served with green sriracha, charred leek flowers and potato terrine.

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# CHAPTER THREE



**Ginger** (*Zingiber officinale*)

Ginger is a flowering plant whose rhizome, ginger root or simply ginger, is widely used as a spice or a folk medicine. It is a herbaceous perennial which grows annual pseudostems about a meter tall bearing narrow leaf blades.

## ROOTS

### *History*

Roots were main sources of carbohydrates for our ancestors. They remain an important source of energy and root vegetables like tapioca and sweet potato were some of the most common wartime food eaten during the Japanese occupation in Singapore as rice and meat were scarce.

### *Uses*

Roots are high in nutrients and is an important source of fiber that is required for a balanced diet. Edible roots such as ginger and beetroot are some of the ingredients that are used in dishes served at Botanico.



# MAIN PLATES

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- V CELERIAC “CURRY”** 25  
Vadouvan-spiced celeriac served with potato foam, soy pickled tomatoes, fried kale, pickled Spanish onions, roasted brussel sprouts, and spiced almonds.
- V HAZELNUT POLENTA** 26  
Cornmeal and hazelnuts cooked in milk and manchego, served with fried kale, wild mushrooms, roasted butternut pumpkins and soy glazed nuts and seeds.
- RED BASS** 30  
Farmed red bass from Mauritius, crusted with Nori, served with couscous and grilled savoy cabbage.
- SLIPPER LOBSTER TAGLIATELLE** 32  
Fresh pasta cooked in a housemade Chinese XO sauce, served with sous-vide slipper lobsters and baby turnips.
- WAGYU BEEF CHEEK** 34  
Beef cheeks braised in a lemongrass broth, glazed with caramelized soy, served with Asian pesto, barley risotto, spicy papaya and apple salad.
- V *Spicy papaya and apple salad available upon request* <sup>\$8</sup>.**

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# CHAPTER FOUR

**Cloves** (*Syzygium aromaticum*)  
Cloves are the aromatic flower buds of a tree in the family Myrtaceae, *Syzygium aromaticum*. They are native to the Maluku Islands in Indonesia, and are commonly used as a spice.



## HERBS AND SPICES

### *History*

Early uses of herbs and spices were connected to medicine and preservation. Clove and nutmeg are examples of the first few spices to be introduced in Singapore and the city-state quickly grew into a major historical port for the spice trade between Asia and Europe.

### *Uses*

Herbs and spices are now commonly used in the culinary world for flavouring and colouring and are packed with health benefits. If you take a closer look, you can find some of these herbs and spices used in Botanico's menu items.

*(Hint: Look in the appetisers and desserts section)*

# DESSERTS

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- V LEMONGRASS PANNA COTTA** **10**  
Lemongrass-infused Panna Cotta served with ginger ice cream, Granny Smith apples, and lemon meringue.
- V CHOCOLATE MERLOT CAKE** **11**  
Dark chocolate mousse infused with red wine, layered with crunchy feuilletine and chocolate biscuit base.
- JALAPEÑO ICE CREAM** **11**  
A sweet and savory dessert of Jalapeño cream cheese ice cream, charred Sarawak pineapple, dehydrated bacon financier and micro coriander.
- V** *Vegetarian option is available upon request.*
- V MALT ICE CREAM** **13**  
Malt ice cream served with beer chocolate cake, Guinness Stout Gel, dehydrated thyme and 70% chocolate meringue.
- V CHEESE OF THE DAY**  
Served with daily accompaniments.
- 2 CHEESES** **14**
- 3 CHEESES** **16**

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## **5-COURSE SET DINNER**

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**\$75<sup>++</sup> PER PAX**  
(min. 2 pax)

**SEASONAL OYSTERS**

**CHORIZO PIQUILLO CROQUETTES**

**CAULIFLOWER**

**CRISPY BABY SQUID**



**“ASSAM LAKSA” CEVICHE**

OR

**BEEF TONGUE**



**WHITE GAZPACHO**

OR

**WILD MUSHROOM “LATTE”**

OR

**FOIE GRAS “LATTE” /+6**



**RED BASS**

OR

**“CURRY” LAMB NECK**

OR

**WAGYU BEEF CHEEK**



**LEMONGRASS PANNA COTTA**

OR

**JALAPEÑO ICE CREAM**

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