

RESTAURANTS JOHN LETHLEAN

High ranking



THE SCORE: 17/20

It took a while to get there, but Taxi joins the ranks of Melbourne's finest modern restaurants.

WHERE: Level 1, Transport Hotel, corner of Swanston and Flinders streets, Melbourne, 9654 8808

FOOD: Modern Australian with Japanese influences, and traditional Japanese (sushi and sashimi)

COST: Typical small dish \$18; typical main \$29

WINE LIST: Comprehensive, interesting

CORKAGE: By prior arrangement

WE DRANK: 2003 Scorpio Pinot Noir (Mornington Peninsula), \$12 per glass

SERVICE: Strong, massively improved

VALUE: Good

OWNERS: Paul and Joanne Mathis

CHEF: Michael Lambie (Ikuei Arakane sushi)

VEGETARIAN: One entree, one main

OUTDOORS: Balcony

WHEELCHAIRS: Yes

PARKING: Street or paid

CARDS: AE BC DC MC V

HOURS: Lunch Mon-Sat midday-3pm; dinner Mon-Thurs 6pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm

SCORES: 1-9: Unacceptable, don't bother. 10-11: OK, some shortcomings. 12-13: Getting there. 14: Recommended. 15: Good. 16: Really good. 17: Excellent. 18: Outstanding. 19-20: Near perfection.

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