

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.