## welcome to mela



**THANK YOU FOR VISITING MELA INDIAN BAR AND GRILL.** We trust you will enjoy your dining experience with us. It is our desire to provide you with delicious food and excellent service. In case you are wondering, "Mela" is a Sanskrit word meaning "gathering" or "fiesta." It is used throughout India to refer to all sizes of gatherings and festivals. If you are familiar with Indian cuisine, we trust you will appreciate the care we take in preparing beautifully-spiced, well-seasoned dishes. If you are a newcomer to Indian cuisine, you are in for a real treat. You may order most dishes mild, medium, or hot, depending on your tolerance—or zest, of course—for spicy food. Our servers will be happy to explain the flavors and spiciness of each offering. Please do not hesitate to ask questions. Request any special item you can't find on our menu, and we'll do our best to accommodate your request.

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday–Thursday:** 11:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. **Friday–Saturday:** 11:00 a.m.–10:30 p.m.

**DINNER BUFFET SUNDAY-WEDNESDAY:** 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. \$11.95 + tax

#### LUNCH BUFFET

**Monday–Friday:** 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. \$9.95 + tax **Saturday–Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. \$10.95 + tax

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#### APPETIZERS

Samosa Two crispy fried turnovers deliciously filled with mildly spiced potatoes and green peas. Vegetable Pakora	3.95	<b>Chili Paneer</b> Mild, non-melting cheese stir fried in sliced onions, red and green peppers in a spicy chili sauce.	5.95
Cauliflower, potatoes, onions, and spinach deep fried in a delicate chickpea flour batter. <b>Fish Pakora</b>	7.95	<b>Chili Chicken</b> Chicken stir fried with sliced onions, red and green peppers in a spicy chili sauce.	6.95
Fresh tilapia deep fried in delicate chickpea batter.	5.95	<b>Tawa Shrimp</b> Shrimp grilled with onion and green peppers.	9.95
Chana Chat potato patties served with chickpeas and garnished with tamarind sauce and fresh cilantro.	5.55	<b>Crab Kabab</b> Spiced crab cakes cooked to perfection.	9.95
<b>Firecrackers</b> Jalapeño peppers stuffed with cheese and batter fried.	4.95	<b>Mixed Appetizers for Two</b> A tasty assortment of Pakora, Samosa and Masala Papadum	7.95
	14.95	<b>Dahi Papri Chaat</b> A popular roadside snack all over India. Crispy fried dough wafers with a tasty dressing.	4.95
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<b>Sabzi</b> A combination of vegetables and lentils seasoned to perfection and packed with flavor.	3.95	<b>Chicken and Corn</b> Traditional chunky chicken and corn soup, subtly flavored with herbs and spices.	4.95

# Home Made Breads

<b>Paratha</b> Buttered pan-baked wheat flat bread.	2.50	<b>Tandoori Roti</b> Whole wheat flat bread baked in	1.95
Naan or Garlic Naan Traditional wheat bread baked in the tandoor (clay oven). Paneer or Onion Kulcha	2.50	the tandoor. <b>Poori</b> Deep fried puffed bread balloons. Served hot and fresh.	2.95
Unleavened bread filled with homemade cheese or onion and spices.	5.50	<b>Assorted Breads Basket</b> Enjoy your favorites! Garlic Naan, Paneer Kulcha, Tandoori Roti, and Poori.	8.95

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# CHICKEN DISHES

<b>Chicken Tikka Masala</b> Tender boneless pieces of chicken broiled in the tandoor, then cooked in a rich tomato, onion and cream sauce.	13.95	Chicken Karahi Boneless chicken sautéed with garlic, ginger and tomatoes. Chicken Chettinad
<ul> <li>Chicken Tandoori</li> <li>Chicken marinated in yogurt and seasoned with tandoori masala.</li> <li>Malai Chicken Kababs</li> <li>Chicken with a creamy yogurt sauce</li> </ul>	12.95 12.95	Boneless chicken cooked in a typica South Indian style. A spicy treat! Chicken Tikka Tender boneless pieces of chicken st flavored with spices and barbecued
that melts in your mouth. <b>Chicken Cashmere</b> Chunks of chicken cooked in a mild cream sauce with cashew nuts and raisins.	12.95	skewers in the tandoor (clay oven).

#### Chicken Karahi 12.95 Boneless chicken sautéed with garlic, ginger and tomatoes. **Chicken Chettinad** 13.95 Boneless chicken cooked in a typical South Indian style. A spicy treat! Chicken Tikka 13.95 Tender boneless pieces of chicken subtly lavored with spices and barbecued on

#### LAMB DISHES . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

<b>Lamb Chops</b> Succulent pieces of lamb chops marinated in exotic spices and	18.95	<b>Lamb Chettinad</b> Boneless lamb pieces cooked in a typical South Indian style. A spicy treat!	14.95
grilled to perfection on skewers. Boti Kabab Tender morsels of lamb marinated	14.95	<b>Lamb Karahi</b> Marinated lamb in a masala ginger chili tomato paste.	14.95
in special spices, then broiled in the tandoor.		Goat Karahi An Indian delicacy and our specialty	14.95
<b>Lamb Vindaloo</b> Spiced lamb cooked in spicy sauce.	14.95	<ul> <li>mildly spiced and delicious.</li> <li>Lamb Seekh Kababs</li> </ul>	12.95
<b>Lamb Nargisi</b> Tender lamb prepared in a special creamy coconut sauce with eggs.	14.95	Ground lamb marinated with herbs and spices, then grilled on skewers over hot charcoal in the tandoor.	

### SEAFOOD DISHES

<b>Tandoori Shrimp</b> Marinated in yogurt and seasoned with tandoori masala, then grilled on skewers over hot charcoal in the tandoor.	17.95	<b>Palak Shrimp</b> Shrimp cooked with spinach and tomatoes, and mild spices.	16.95
<b>Fish Vindaloo</b> Fresh Mahi Mahi cooked in	16.95	<b>Tandoori Fish Tikka</b> Marinated chunks of Mahi Mahi cooked to perfection in our tandoor oven.	14.95
a spicy sauce. <b>Shrimp Nargisi</b> Large, fresh shrimp in a special coconut sauce and eggs.	16.95	<b>Fish Tikka Masala</b> Fresh Mahi Mahi broiled in tandoor, then cooked in a rich tomato, onion and cream sauce.	14.95

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## VEGETARIAN DISHES

<b>Navratan Korma</b> A royal entrée. Nine garden fresh vegetables gently simmered in a coconut spice-laced cream sauce with nuts.	10.95	<b>Paneer Masala</b> Fresh homemade cheese with tomato and onions simmered in a rich buttery tomato sauce.	10.95			
Malai Kofta Homemade vegetable balls cooked in a mildly spiced creamy sauce with coconut and nuts.	10.95	<b>Paneer Tikka</b> Homemade Indian cheese that is marinated and then grilled.	10.95			
Baingan Bhartha Eggplant mashed and cooked with tomatoes, peas and spices.	10.95	<b>Ghobi Bhurji</b> Cut pieces of cauliflower, green peas, tomatoes and onions with herbs and spices.	9.95			
<b>Chana Masala</b> Chickpeas and fresh tomatoes simmered with traditional spices.	9.95	Mutter Paneer Peas and homemade cheese cubes cooked in a mildly spiced sauce.	9.95			
<b>Dal Makhani</b> Lentils slow cooked in butter with onion, ginger, and garlic.	9.95	<b>Bhindi Masala</b> Okra sauteed with onions, tomatoes and Asian spices.	10.95			
<b>Palak Paneer</b> Homemade Indian cheese cooked with spinach, ginger, garlic and chili.	10.95					

# BIRYANI DISHES

Biryani is a very special rice dish which combines basmati rice with a delicate blend of spices, onions, fresh ginger, cashews, raisins & the exquisite flavor of saffron.

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Chicken Biryani	12.95	Lamb Biryani	14.95
Shrimp Biryani	16.95	Vegetable Biryani	10.95
Goat Biryani	14.95		
Ам	ERICA	n Dishes	
Fried Flounder	10.95	Chicken Fingers	9.95
Our version of fish and chips.		Tender pieces of chicken, batter dipped and fried.	
<b>Fried Shrimp</b> Jumbo shrimp breaded and lightly fried.	12.95	All American Entrées accompanied with Frenc	h Fries.
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<b>Dahi Wada (Lentil Rounds)</b> Smothered with fresh curds and liberally doused with a tangy-sweet tamarind chutney.	3.95	<b>Sweet and Spicy Mango Chutney</b> A special preparation of sweet and spicy mango slices.	1.95
Mint Cucumber Raita Grated cucumber made in homemade yogurt and mint leaves.	1.95	<b>Masala Papadum</b> Crunchy, spicy lentil chips.	1.50
Achar or Kachumber Hot and spicy Indian Pickles or Indian Salsa.	1.50		

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# BEVERAGES

Indian Masala Tea Tea brewed with aromatic spices.	1.95	Mango Shake A refreshing mango and ice cream shake.	3.95
<b>Tea or Coffee</b> <b>Soft Drinks</b> We serve Pepsi® products, by the glass.	1.50 1.50	<b>Yogurt Lassi</b> A cold and frothy yogurt drink: choose sweet or salty.	2.95
we serve repair products, by the glass.		<b>Mango or Strawberry Lassi</b> Mango or strawberry flavored sweet Lassi.	3.95

### BEER

Kingfisher		Bud Light (USA)	3.75	Guinness (Ireland)	4.70
Premium Lager (India)	5.25	Heineken (Holland)	4.25	Shiner (Texas)	4.00
Samuel Adams Boston Lager (USA)	5.00	Budweiser (USA)	4.00	Dos Equis (Mexico)	4.00
Corona (Mexico)	4.25	Blue Moon Belgian style Wheat Ale (USA)	4.75	Foster's (Australia)	4.00
Stella Artois (Belgium)	5.00	Tecate (Mexico)	3.50		
Miller Lite (USA)	3.50		5150		

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### desserts

Kulfi Authentic Indian ice cream, flavored with pistachio and cashew nuts.	3.95	<b>Gulab Jamun</b> Golden brown dough rounds soaked in syrup.	3.95
Mango Sundae Vanilla ice cream served with mango slices and topped with mango sauce	4.95	<b>Rasmalai</b> Homemade cheese simmered with milk and nuts. Served cold.	3.95
and whipped cream. <b>Gourmet Ice Cream</b> Vanilla, Chocolate, Pistachio, or Mango.	3.95	<b>Falooda</b> Rose flavored milk mixed with falooda sev, tukmuria seeds, and topped with ice cream. A royal dessert of Persia.	4.95



### the wine list

# WHITE WINES

	By The Glass	By The Bottle
<b>Beringer White Zinfandel</b> ( <i>California</i> ) Enjoy the wine's fresh aromas and flavors of summer berries, citrus and honeydew melon.	5	18
<b>Beringer Napa Chardonnay</b> ( <i>California</i> ) Lemon zest, apple, pear, vanilla and toasty spice aromas, with a refreshingly bright fruit finish.	8	30
<b>Dutton Goldfield Chardonnay</b> ( <i>California</i> ) Lush pear and vivid citrus aromas lead in the nose, followed by fresh creamand toffee overtones	<b>n/a</b>	60
<b>Felluga Esperto Pinot Grigio</b> ( <i>Italy</i> ) Enticing aromas and flavors of pear, melon and peach, balanced nicely by a refreshing acidity.	9	35
<b>Geyser Peak Sauvignon Blanc</b> ( <i>California</i> ) A generous, fruit-forward palate shows juicy citrus flavors of lime, grapefruit and tangerine, balanced by bright, crisp acidity	7	21
<b>Bloom Riesling</b> ( <i>Germany</i> ) A light touch of sweetness naturally graces this wine that is crisp and fresh on the palate and isn't lacking in acidity to balance the sweetness and fruit.	6	25
<b>Kiwi Sauvignon Blanc</b> ( <i>New Zealand</i> ) Crisp and refreshing with citrus flavors dominating and nuances of peach and melon.	6	25
Jacob's Creek Riesling Reserve (Australia) Rich citrus and floral fruit characters, with a natural acidity and a finish that's crisp and dry.	9	35
RED WINES		
<b>Oyster Bay Pinot Noir Marlborough</b> (New Zealand) Fragrant, soft and flavorful with aromas of ripe cherries, plums and gentle tannins. Well-structured.	10	38
<b>Concha y Toro Casillero Del Diablo Cabernet Sauvignon</b> ( <i>Chile</i> ) Smooth ripe cherry, blackcurrant and dark plum flavor with a touch of vanilla and toasty oak.	7	26
<b>Provenance Merlot Napa</b> ( <i>California</i> ) Lush red currant, blackberry and black cherry aromas, with hints of pepper and black olive.	n/a	65
<b>Charles Krug Merlot Napa</b> ( <i>California</i> ) Wild berry and blueberry aromas, with a touch of roasted pecans. Balanced with an intense finish.	10	38
<b>Sebastiani Cabernet Sauvignon</b> (Sonoma County, California) Medium bodied but richly textured, it shows the strength of Cabernet Sauvignon on the palate, yet with rich, choco-rasberry fruit thanks to extended hang time.	9	26
Sparkling Wines		
<b>Chandon Brut Sparkling Wine</b> ( <i>California</i> ) Young bubbly, light and elegant, with Chardonnay flavors of peaches and limes.	n/a	30
<b>Moët and Chandon White Star Champagne</b> ( <i>France</i> ) Elegant, harmonious, soft and mature aroma of peaches, pears, and hints of nuts.	n/a	70

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