



A Game-Changing Gastro Pub, The Merrywell is set to open at Crown with Innovative Globe-Trotters Grant MacPherson and Sam DeMarco

Melbourne, Australia, February 2012. The Merrywell will be a modern interpretation of a gastronomy-driven pub offering a trail-blazing blend of quality food, drink and service in Melbourne's hottest new drinking hole.

Need to know:

When does it open? Pencil in for Friday night drinks, a morning caffeine fix, breakfast, lunch (Thursday – Sunday) and dinner 7 days a week from 18 April 2012.

Where is it? It's in Crown's emerging "West End" precinct, on the corner of Clarendon Street and Crown's Riverside.

What to eat? Think Brit-grub favourites such as "piggies in a blanket" with house-made dipping sauces, cool burgers, Sammy D's famous chicken lollipops with blue cheese fondue and a roll-call of re-interpreted classics and old-school faves re-invented such as seafood Shepherd's pie, Scotch eggs and wood-fired Jack Daniel's pork chops.

Craving something sweet? Try a twisted banana split or feel like a kid again and order mini ice cream cones.

What to drink? Choose from a list of boutique beers, Vestal purified water, local and imported wines and a hand-crafted cocktail list.

What will it look like? Casual. Unpretentious. High energy.

Who will go? Set to a backing track of the DJ's vinyl collection, an informed gathering of taste-makers, trend-hunters and those wishing to relax and celebrate will be able to soak up the atmosphere overlooking Melbourne's Yarra River and choose from a modern day burger bar downstairs and the "Top of The Merrywell" restaurant upstairs, complete with an outdoor heated terrace.

Who are Grant MacPherson and Sammy D?

Scottish-born, Las Vegas-based chef, Grant MacPherson and acclaimed American chef, Sam DeMarco (Sammy D), who is best known for making dishes that other chefs crave, are culinary innovators who are not afraid to break with tradition and are equally at home in the kitchen and behind the bar.

Their interest in local and seasonal produce borders on an obsession and they've trekked around the world in their pursuit of satisfying cravings and sharing their passion for hospitality. They've now cherry-picked Melbourne for their latest venture, their first time working together in Australia.

No bookings required at the burger bar. Restaurant bookings suggested.

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