

New dishes on the menu at Divino Enoteca

✘ Edinburgh's premium wine bar has revamped its food menu, hoping to show that it not only leads the way when it comes to Italian wine, but is also out in front when it come to Italian cuisine.

As well as boasting one of Scotland's extensive wine lists, Divino Enoteca located in the heart of Edinburgh's Old Town, is now offering a food menu which promises a large selection of Italian antipasti and traditional Italian dishes.

Using only the finest artisan produce with many items never seen in Scotland before, Divino Enoteca's new head chef Massimo Lauria has created a menu which aims to reflect the very best of Italy's food, from antipasti platters to informal and formal three courses.

Massimo Lauria has travelled especially from Italy where he has worked in top Michelin starred restaurants such as Il Gambero Rosso in Italy and Bestiari in Spain, to create and oversee Divino Enoteca's food offering ensuring that it is firmly rooted in its origins and offers diners a true taste of Italy.

Owner of the venue Tony Crolla said: "The philosophy behind Divino Enoteca is to offer the very best of Italian food and drink at an affordable price.

"Our aim is to be the best Enoteca in the UK and the key behind this is our commitment to quality and artisan Italian dishes and produce. We have created something a bit special with our new food menu at Divino Enoteca, very different to the offering of our Vittoria restaurants.

"We can now offer a fine Italian dining experience to go

alongside our selection of fine Italian wines. All our ingredients have been specially sourced and we use only the highest quality Italian DOP and DOCG produce to ensure our customers get the very best.

“As well as a commitment to quality, we also want our food and drink offering to be accessible to as many people as possible. We have kept our prices competitive and as affordable, to ensure more people can experience a true taste of Italy without having to leave the country.

“So far we have had fantastic feedback about the menu and are hoping that wine lovers across Scotland and the UK will come along and try it for themselves.”

As well as the venue’s centrepiece dish the Il Grande Antipasto Divino, which features a selection of Italy’s finest cheeses and cured meats, as well as artisan wood fired breads, customers can also choose from a selection of home made pasta, risottos and raviolis, as well as Roast Pheasant and meat dishes.

Featuring dishes such as Italian pork ribs with potato puree, caramelised onions and red wine jus and seared tuna steak crusted with sesame seeds and fresh grilled vegetables as well as traditional Italian Tiramisu, the menu caters for everything from a relaxing drink with friends or more intimate dining occasions.

Each dish has been specially created to complement the selection of fine wines available at Divino Enoteca and the venue boasts one of Scotland’s most extensive wine lists, featuring a range of Italian and International wines.

Divino Enoteca takes the fine dining experience even further with their selection of chocolates from Italy’s quality chocolate house Vannucci, featuring white chocolate, hazelnut and dark chocolate. Those who are more adventurous can try the bitter chocolate and formaggio di fossa cheese combination – a

signature offering from the renowned chocolatier.

The full food menu can be viewed on Divino Enoteca's website at www.divinoedinburgh.co.uk and bookings can be taken for groups of up to 40 people. Divino Enoteca's private room can cater for up to 14 people.

To add to the Italian atmosphere, the venue will host live music in the wine bar featuring a blend of classic jazz and relaxing soul classics. Guests can dine in the 40 seat dining room or dine al fresco in the Italian garden courtyard, which can be covered and heated when the weather is not Italian.

Divino Enoteca is also the first venue in Scotland to use Enomatic wine dispensers to preserve the flavour and body of the wine, ensure customers get the perfect serve every time.

Diners and wine lovers can visit Divino Enoteca at 5 Merchant Street in Edinburgh's Old Town and the venue can also be accessed via the Vittoria on the Bridge restaurant on George IV Bridge