





## **GIBNEY**

Perth's fanciest. Beachside fun.





This luxe bar and brasserie overlooking Cottesloe Beach is every inch the showpiece that coastal dining impresario George Kailis of Kailis Hospitality Group dreamt of building. Despite only opening in 2024, the airy space - rich in polished plaster, soft furnishings and suited waiters has already established itself as the unofficial clubhouse for WA's captains of industry and the well-heeled denizens of Perth's golden triangle.

Just as the dining room channels the grandest of post-war hotel lobbies;

comfort and old-world glamour underpin the kitchen. The menu goes big on seafood, beef and pitch-perfect classic desserts - don't miss the lemon tart - but the expected steakhouse hits are supplemented by imaginative remixes from the mind of rising talent chef James Cole Bowen. Think Thaiinfluenced pearl meat ceviche, dainty anchovy tartlets riffing on pissaladière. and hash browns with caviar.

Other than booking out the entire space, Gibney doesn't do private dining. It's a place to be seen as well as to see who's lunching with whom (and the blockbuster wines they're drinking). A trio of ocean-facing velvet banquettes are the best

seats, their azure upholstery mirroring the sea. For those keen to take full advantage of Gibney's panoramic views to Fremantle, Garden Island, Rottnest and the local beach, 200 square metres of elegant alfresco dining terrace is an excuse for slipping on sunglasses and hat, and foiling the paparazzi.

TO DRINK Order a bottle of Patrick Piuze's sparkling chardonnay from Chablis, and settle in to peruse the extraordinary, 84-page list enriched with stories and passion.

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