



## Welcome to Malbec News

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**In these difficult economic times** it's gratifying to have a loyal group of customers, some of whom have been dining at Malbec since we first opened for business some four years ago. We continue to cook good food at affordable prices and are proud of the fact that we have been awarded the revered **Michelin Guide 'Bib Gourmand'** status for the second year running. *Best Wishes, Simon and Rebecca Malin*

### Food for thought

**After the long cold winter** it's great to welcome in the lovely spring produce and as we try very hard to source our produce locally, you can be sure that it is really fresh and packed full of goodness and flavour. Right now we have asparagus from Chipping Camden, leeks from Snitterfield, the first local cabbage and a variety of spring vegetables to add to many other great British produce for Chef Simon to work his wonders on, producing some imaginative dishes for you to enjoy. Also coming into season over the next few weeks will be local strawberries, gooseberries and other soft fruits and fresh in from Looe in Cornwall we have some lovely day boat caught wild sea bass and black bream.

**Once again** let's not forget how lucky Malbec is to be situated in beautiful Stratford upon Avon, which is in the heart of Warwickshire, with its lush pastureland that really does produce outstanding beef and lamb like our new season lamb from Lighthorne. The succulent taste and texture of our meat is the result of excellent grazing and husbandry by local farms within the area. Although our free-range pork is reared further afield in Suffolk by Jimmy Butler, we believe there is no finer pork for flavour.

### Wine for pleasure

**Wine is really no different from food**, in so much that there are good and bad wines and that's why Malbec only uses a small number of carefully selected and approved wine merchants, in particular Vin Neuf and Vinology both local in Stratford. They frequently host our renowned Supper Club, where lovers of fine food and wine can enjoy a beautiful meal accompanied by notable wines from vineyards of distinction. We have lots of new additions to our wine list which reflect the start of what we all hope will be a great summer and Rebecca has chosen some fantastic crisp whites and lighter reds, including a stunning Rosso Selento from southern Italy and a lovely Pinot noir vdp des cotes de Thongue 2007 from the south of France. These and other wines represent excellent value and will go particularly well with our shortly to be introduced classic bistro dishes which Simon has created to add a new dimension to dining out at Malbec.

**For those who prefer a tippie** other than wine, why not try our local Perry or Cider from Hogan's or award winning beers from Purity. An option for non-alcohol drinkers is to try Fetimans Ginger beer or one of our selected juices from Frobishers.

### Special Offers

**Why not take advantage** of our excellent value lunchtime menu. Diners can enjoy **2 courses for just £9.95**. Lunch is served every **Wednesday to Saturday from 12 to 1.45pm**

### News

**Malbec welcomes** Etienne and Marian from France who join Lara and Nicola as part of Rebecca's dedicated front of house team.

**Coming soon** Simon will be introducing some classic French style bistro dishes which diners will be able to enjoy in our relaxed informal petit bistro style restaurant. An example of this style already on the menu is Aberdeenshire Bavette French cut steak with spinach and garlic cream potatoes.

### Events

**The Next Supper Club** will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May when Malbec will feature Portuguese wines hosted by James Richards of Vin Neuf wines. As these evenings are usually over subscribed early reservation is strongly recommended

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