



### Welcome

We started this little shop to provide authentic home-cooked style Japanese food & supplies in Melbourne's West.

We're not high level chefs, we didn't study in France or work at ritzy Melbourne restaurants, we're just home style cooks who love Japanese food, and hope you do to.

Oh and Ajitoya means Secret Shop, in case you were wondering.



# Sharing

Japanese dishes are made for sharing. You can order as little or as many as you need until it's enough.

You can turn a share dish into a teishoku experience, which means you create a meal set or bento style.

See, you learned a new word... Teishoku ( Tay-shok-u ).

Take it slow, share everything and please enjoy your food together.



## Choices

You don't have to stick to just share dishes, it's ok to have your own dish to yourself.

We understand that gluten intolerance is different to celiac disease - as allergies are different to things you don't like - that's cool, just let us know.

Sometimes, humans make mistakes, even simple ones... It's your choice how you deal with us if something goes awry.

# Operational Notes



1 variation to a dish is ok, 2 or more is not.

Expecting huge aussie style portions? Sorry, not here.

Still hungry? Order more from the share dishes, until it's enough.

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v means 'can be made vegetarian'.

Kids are a very welcome part of our shop, aloof parents are not.

Very fussy eaters? Maybe we're not for you, and that's ok.

Splitting a bill is fine, until it becomes a bit silly, you'll know when that is.

We're aware sometimes you're in a rush - that doesn't mean we have to be.

There is no need to be rude to us, ever!

Please do not play the drums with your chopsticks.

And please respect other customers at all times.



Please don't waste food & water, it makes us sad to throw it away.

If you don't like something, that's totally ok, just don't post it online...

In fact, we'd prefer if you give us a chance to fix any problems... who knows, we might become good mates...

# Ajitoya Japan's Kitchen

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# Food Menu

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#### Small Dishes

Just a few small dishes you can add to your share dishes.



Edamame
Lightly salted
green soy beans



Japanese rice Super nice fluffy white rice, small OR medium



野菜チップス Crunchy Chips Sweet potato, pumpkin, potato and renkon



Tsukemono
Lightly pickled
vegetables



Miso soup
Made fresh
everyday



Chibi Salad Chicken, soba, kinpira, seaweed, or sesame beans

### **Share Dishes**

Ordering a few share dishes offers you more tastes and variety and can provide a more balanced meal.



ぎょうざ Gyoza pork

5pc Japanese dumplings with pork filling then sauced & sprinkled



ぎょうざ Gyoza prawn

5pc Japanese dumplings with prawn filling then sauced & sprinkled



揚げ出し豆腐 Agedashi Tofu

2pc tofu topped with ground daikon and ginger in a subtle yet sweet dashi soup – bit elegant this one



### たこ焼き Takoyaki

Osaka style ball shaped things, diced octopus inside, ajitoya sauce, mayo, red ginger, nori flakes, katsuobushi flakes - so yum!



### 唐揚げ Karaage

Home made deep fried chicken. Outside crunchy, inside squishy



### 天ぷら Tempura

Crispy tempura w white fish & vegies with green tea salt and dipping sauce



### とんかつ Tonkatsu

Panko coated homemade deep fried pork cuts with spiced sauce



### 鮭の照り焼き Teriyaki Salmon

Doesn't need explanation – it's teriyaki salmon



### 刺身 Salmon Sashimi

Sashimi grade fresh cut salmon plus accessories...



### マグロのたたき Tuna Tataki

Lightly seared tuna, sliced, with spicy yuzu dressing



### 定食

Turn 'share dishes' into a teishoku/bento. Comes with <u>rice + salad + miso soup</u>.

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### Donburi

All donburi dishes are cooked and served on rice.



鶏のから揚げ丼 Karaage don home-made crunchy deep fried chicken with a thickened soy based sauce



牛丼 Gyu don thinly sliced beef simmered in a subtle yet sweet ajitoya style sauce



カレーライス Curry rice don Japanese curry with vegies

pls choose... **chicken** or **pork** katsu



カツ丼
Katsu don
panko coated
home-made
deep fried pork
cuts with ajitoya
spiced sauce –
crunch crunch



天丼 Ten don crispy tempura w white fish & vegies with a thickened soy based pour over sauce on rice



スマッシュ刺身丼 Sashimi Smash diced up salmon sashimi on a platform of sesame dressed seaweed on rice

### **Noodles**

Who doesn't love noodles, hot or cold, noodles are the best.



肉うどん Niku Beef Soba/Udon Very simple dish, thinly sliced caramelised beef strips in a hot sweet soup



きつね月見うどん・そば Foxy Moon Soba/Udon Fried sweet tofu, poached egg, wakame in a hot sweet soupy bonito broth



カレーラどん
Curry Udon
Hot and hearty Japanese curry mixed with dashi chicken stock, fresh vegies finished off with thick udon noodles

### Salads

Light Japanese salads that still fill you up.



Karaage Salad Crunchy chicken, leafy salad, sweet & spicy sauce and lil bit mayo



x3 of our chibi salads like chicken, soba, kinpira or seaweed, or sesame beans

#### **Deserts**

Simple oishi Japanese deserts.



抹茶アイス Green Tea Ice Cream 2 scoops



黒ごまアイス Black Sesame Ice Cream 2 scoops



### Beer

We love beer! And more than just beer, we love Japanese Beer. There's a wealth of styles and flavours to try and if you like something in particular, you can always take a few home for later.

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Tap #1 | COEDO | RURI \* | Pilsner | 333ML Jockey | Kawagoe | 5.0% Tap #2 and #3 | Alternate between all COEDO beers so check type and price daily/weekly.

#### BY THE BOTTLE

Koshihikari Echigo Beer   Rice Lager   500ML   Niigata   5.0% (good to share)	\$13
COEDO   Ruri   Pilsner   333ML   Kawagoe   5.0% COEDO   Shiro   Wheat Beer   333ML   Kawagoe   5.5% COEDO   Shikkoku   Black Lager   333ML   Kawagoe   5.0% COEDO   Beniaka   Sweet Potato   333ML   Kawagoe   7.0% COEDO   Kyara   Malt Beer   333ML   Kawagoe   5.5%	\$11 \$11 \$11 \$12 \$11
Ginga Kogen   Silver Bottle   Wheat Beer   300ML   IWATE   5.0%	\$10
Kinshachi   Aka Miso Beer   330ML   Nagoya   6.0%	\$14
Baird Beer   Rising Sun Pale Ale   360ML   Shizouka   5.0%	\$11
Niigata Beer   Malt Can   330ML   Niigata   4.5%	\$9
Kirin Beer   Nodogoshi Nama   Gluten Free   350ML   Tokyo   5.0%	\$9
Asahi Black   Black Lager   334ML   Osaka   5.5%	\$9
Sapporo   Black Label in White Can   500ML   Sapporo   5.0%	\$12
Yebisu   Premium   360ML   Sapporo   5.0%	\$10
Suntory Premium Malts   Traditional Pilsner   334ml   Tokyo   5.5%	\$11

# Whisky

### JAPANESE WHISKY | 30ML

Yamazaki   Di	stillers Reserve	\$14
The Hakushu	Distillers Reserve	\$15

### Wine Menu

Like everything in our little shop, our wine is hand-picked to accompany our dishes. There are thousands of wine styles out there (and yes some may be better suited). We didn't have time to try them all – so we picked these ones to match our food.

#### WHITE

#### LIGHT BODIED

The Pass Sauvignon Blanc 2013 | Marlborough NZ Vibrancy & taste you'd expect from a top quality NZ sav blanc.

\$9 glass | \$40 bottle

#### MEDIUM BODIED

Domane Wachau Terrassen Federspiel **Reisling** 2013 | Austria Known for its peach & apricot aromas, this wine is soft & smooth like you'd expect from a top reisling.

\$11 glass | \$48 bottle

Pepper Tree Chardonnay Unwooded 2012 | Wrattonbully lifted tropical aromas of lychee & pineapple mixed with citrus florals & grapefruit notes.

\$10 glass | \$45 bottle

#### **FULL BODIED**

TWR | Te Whare Ra | Toru 2013 | Marlborough NZ Gewurztraminer/Reisling/Pinot Gris blend, stone fruit, lime, spice aromas, rich palete.

\$12 glass | \$50 bottle

#### RED

#### LIGHT BODIED

Pike & Joyce 2013 **Pinot Noir** | Adelaide Hills It's bright, berry like flavours and soft tannins make this an easy wine to enjoy with many Japanese dishes.

\$12 glass | \$50 bottle

#### MEDIUM BODIED

Pittnauer 'pitti' blend of **zweigelt & blaufrankisch** 2012 | Burgenland Austria lovely ripe, vivid blackberry & blackcurrent fruits with floral, spicy, meaty interest.

\$9 glass | \$40 bottle

#### **FULL BODIED**

Torbrek Woodcutters **Shiraz** 2013 | Barossa Valley Dense rich opulent wine full of complexity, structure and elegance.

\$9 glass | \$40 bottle

#### ROSE'

### LIGHT BODIED

Onannon rose` 2013 | Yarra Valley Made from 100% Merlot, pressed lightly, settled & kept cold for malolactic fermentation making this a light & crisp, easy to drink rose`.

\$10 glass | \$40 bottle

# Sake Menu

We've never spruiked it enough, but we know a fair bit about sake and believe us when we say it has its place in Japanese dining. Sometimes hot, warm or cold let us point you in the right direction and try a sake paddle to get aquainted.

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	120ML	300ML			
HOUSE KIZAKURA   YAMAHAI JIKOMI FUSA NO MAI   DANCE OF CHIBA   JUNMAI GINJOU SASAYURI NO SATO   LILY   JUNMAI GINJOU ASABIRAKI   MORNING VOYAGE   JUNMAI DAIGINJOU HOURAI   MOUNT PARADISE   JUNMAI GINJOU SUIJIN   GOD OF WATER   JUNMAI HOSI NO NAGARE   RIVER OF THE STARS   SPARKLING NIGORI KIZAKURA CLOUDY SAKE	\$10(150ML) \$11 \$14 \$15 \$13 \$13	\$15 \$17 \$22 \$23 \$21 \$21 \$12 \$14			
TASTING PADDLE					
SAKE TASTING PADDLE ALWAYS ROTATING AROUND THE BEST ONES WE HAVE CHAT TO THE STAFF ABOUT AN INTRO OR ADVANCED PADDLE	3x30ML \$15				
UMESHU (PLUM WINE)					
CHOYA UMESHU KOKUTO UMESHU   BROWN SUGAR UJI MACCHA UMESHU   WITH GREEN TEA	70ML \$9 \$11 \$10				
SOFT DRINK					
RAMUNE CALPICO PEACH NECTAR COLA GINGER BEER LEMONADE LLB APPLE AND GUAVA SPARKLING MINERAL WATER JAPANESE NON SWEETENED TEA OI OCHA	\$4 \$3.5 \$3.5 \$4 \$4 \$4 \$4 \$4 \$4 \$4				
TEA					
SENCHA   STANDARD GREEN TEA GENMAI CHA   ROASTED POPPED BROWN RICE HOUJI CHA   ROASTED GREEN TEA OI OCHA   BOTTLED COOL GREEN TEA LUPICIA FLAVOURED GREEN TEA   *WEEKLY FLAVOURS	\$4 \$4 \$4 \$4 \$5				

Cook dishes at home...

### Japanese Groceries

Pick up a few items from our edited grocery shelves. We stock everything from basic soy sauce to salad dressings, okonomiyaki flour, various toppings and even crunchy and chewy snacks...

Our range is very edited, so if you need a product that we don't have, we can probably get it for you.



Beers, sake + plum wine available...

# Ajitoya Liquor Shop

We are Japanese craft beer specialists and have a sweet little list of sake, plum wine chu-hai all available for takeaway...

We're always on the lookout for new Japanese beer to bring through the shop so if you like something, let us know and we'll try very hard to get it.





As you leave today, we want to say

# Thank you!

Running this shop is one of our life dreams.

We left our crazy 9 to 5 jobs to build a business around a community of people that love Japan, its products and its food.

Ajitoya is a place to visit and remember those memories or even help be the start to create new ideas and experiences.

We simply love Japanese food, and hope you do too.



Check our website for more! ajitoya.com.au



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