# THE BEST CELLAR

EST. 1975 BLOWING ROCK , N.C.

# Starters

# \*Oysters Rockefeller

Half dozen baked with spinach, onion, bacon and Parmesan bread crumbs; finished with Hollandaise 15

#### **Burrata Cheese**

Served with crostini, balsamic tomato relish and olive tapenade; perfect for sharing 12

### **Caprese Pizza**

Crispy flatbread topped with red and yellow fire-roasted tomatoes, fresh Mozzarella, basil and balsamic reduction 12

### Sea Scallops

Seared and served over a sauté of shiitakes and spinach; finished with a drizzle of cucumber wasabi sauce and toasted sesame seeds 15

# Salt and Pepper Calamari

Lightly battered, flash fried and served with sweet and sour mustard sauce 12

#### **Jumbo Lump Crab Cake**

Lightly seasoned jumbo lump crab meat, minced peppers and green onion; fried and served over lobster chive butter 14

#### Sautéed Mussels

Steamed in white wine butter sauce with garlic, capers, fresh tomatoes and saffron; finished with a touch of cream and served with crostini 15

# Soup + Salads

As a substitution for a house salad, please add the second price to the entrée price

### **Maine Lobster Bisque**

A rich lobster stock blended with lobster meat and heavy cream laced with Cognac 9/5

## **Oyster Spinach Salad**

Baby spinach topped with crumbled bacon, hard-boiled egg and sliced red onion; finished with lightly fried oysters and warm bacon vinaigrette 9/6

#### \*Caesar Salad

Romaine lettuce and Parmesan crisps with house-made garlic-Parmesan anchovy dressing 8/5

### Mediterranean Beet and Goat Cheese Salad

Arugula with mandarin oranges, marinated beets, caramelized pecans and fried Goat cheese medallion; finished with pepper jelly vinaigrette 13/8

# Entrées

Served with mashed new potatoes and your choice of accompaniment

#### **Alaskan Halibut**

Pan sautéed, served with a smoked Gouda cream sauce; finished with toasted almonds 34

#### **N.C. Mountain Trout Picatta**

Pan seared fillet with white wine, butter and capers 31

# Canadian Wild-Caught Salmon Oscar

Fillet baked and topped with jumbo lump crab meat, steamed asparagus and Béarnaise 38

#### \*Best Cellar Tuna

Marinated in light soy, olive oil, lemon and ginger; seared and served with cucumber-ginger relish, Hoisen and fresh wasabi 34

#### \*New Zealand Rack of Lamb

Four double chops, lightly peppered and grilled; served with Veal Cabernet demi-glace and Goat cheese crumbles 44

#### **Slow Braised Beef Short Ribs**

Served boneless with Cremini mushroom demi-glace and crumbled Gorgonzola cheese 37

# \*Certified Angus Filet Mignon au Poivre

Eight ounce center cut, highly marbled and aged; grilled and served over black peppercorn brandy cream sauce 48

#### **Crab Cakes**

Lightly seasoned jumbo lump crab meat, fried and served over lobster chive butter 33

#### \*Bone-In Rib Eye

Sixteen ounce bone-in, grilled and topped with roasted garlic compound butter 42

#### \*Bone-In Pork Chop

Grilled to medium rare, topped with roasted red pepper purée and Pepperjack cream; finished with crispy onion strings 35

#### **Veal Scalopine**

Thinly sliced tender veal cutlets; lightly sautéed and finished with Marsala wine, sweet cream and thinly sliced mushrooms 33

#### **Roasted Half Duckling**

Crispy skin, boned and served with raspberry sauce 35

### Parmesan Crusted Buttermilk Chicken

Pan seared boneless breast served over arugula; finished with country ham Beurre blanc 30

#### Fresh Vegetable Pasta

Penne pasta tossed in a light pesto cream; with fresh peas, asparagus, spinach and artichoke hearts; finished with charred red peppers and onions 24

# <u>Accompaniments</u>

# Pan Sautéed Mediterranean Beets Stuffed Zucchini

Three cheeses, pecans, caramelized onions and bread crumbs

#### Baked Acorn Squash

Finished with brown sugar cinnamon butter

# Steamed Asparagus with Hollandaise Sautéed Garlic Green Beans

<sup>\*</sup> These items may be cooked to order or contain raw ingredients. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness

