

PIO CELLINI.

Pio Cellini was born in Rome in 1863 and died in 1930, a month short of his turning 67. He came to Malta in 1906 after having worked with his brother Giuseppe, also a designer and painter, in France, Spain and Portugal. He spent around 13 years in Malta mostly working in churches, among others, those of Naxxar, Valletta (the tribune of the basilica of the Carmelites and gilded bronze decorations for St Paul's Collegiate church), Paola (a bronze door for the Razzini Chapel at the Addolorato cemetery), Nadur (mounding and stucco decorations of the cupola and the ceiling) and Xaghra (silver pedestal for the titular statue of Our Lady). Most of the places where he worked have named a street after him.

When Cellini had been in Malta for six years he was asked to design and produce a bronze door for the Naxxar parish church. The door was put in place in 1913.

But why name Cellini Wine & Dine after Pio Cellini? This house was built by Vincenzo Bonavia towards the

middle of the 19th century and the coat of arms on the entrance door shows the griffon, a symbol of Christ representing the right road ('Bona' + 'Via'). Dun Salvatore Bonavia, only son of six children of Vincenzo, lived here till he died in 1946.

Dun Salv had served on the committee set up in the early years of the 20th century to make plans and oversee the works on the widened church façade which now cried out for a much larger door. Seeing the friendship that developed between him and Cellini, no great age difference separated them, one would be forgiven for thinking that Dun Salv had had a big say in the choice of the artist. Cellini was in fact a regular visitor to this house where he spent many hours with his priest friend.

He did not sit in the same chair you are sitting on now, but he probably often sat in the same spot. You may wish to imagine what topics turned up in those long, relaxed and pleasant conversations; ones we wish you too are having now.

ANTIPASTI TO SHARE.

TRIO BRUSCHETTA (V)

BALBULJATA / BIGILLA /
AUBERGINE

€4.50

PRAWNS IN TEMPURA

X 6 SERVED WITH RUCOLA &
SWEET CHILL SAUCE

€9.00

FRESH CALAMARI FRITTI

SERVED WITH TARTAR SAUCE &
RUCOLA SALAD

€9.50

CHICKEN DIPPERS

X 6 DEEP FRIED CHICKEN STRIPS
SERVED WITH HONEY & MUSTARD
SAUCE

€8.50

BEEF CARPACCIO

SLICED RAW ANGUS BEEF,
DRIZZLED WITH OLIVE OIL AND
LEMON JUICE. SERVED WITH
RUCOLA & GRANA SHAVINGS

€10.50

FRESH FISH CARPACCIO

SLICED RAW SALMON, DRIZZLED
WITH OLIVE OIL & LEMON JUICE.

€11.00

CHICKEN WINGS

CHICKEN WINGS SERVED WITH
SAUCE. *CHOOSE BETWEEN BBQ OR
HOT*

€9.50

BREADED FRIED BRIE CHEESE

(V) DRIZZLED WITH HONEY AND
SERVED WITH SALAD LEAVES &
CHERRY TOMATOES

€10.50

SOUP OF THE DAY (V)

SHELL FISH **€8.00**

VEGETABLE **€6.00**

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SALAD.

CAPRESE (V)

MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA, FRESH TOMATOES, BASIL OIL & RUCOLA SALAD

€9.00

MEDITERRANEAN

MIXED SALAD, GORGONZOLA CHEESE, GRILLED VEGETABLES, PARMA HAM, PARMESAN SHAVINGS & BALSAMIC VINEGAR

€9.50

CHICKEN

MIXED SALAD, GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST, BASIL DRESSING, WALNUTS & DRIED FRUIT

€11.00

SALMON

MIXED SALAD, BLACK OLIVES, CHERRY TOMATOES & 200G POACHED FRESH SALMON FILLET

€12.50

BEEF

MIXED SALAD, STRIPS OF RIBEYE, GORGONZOLA & DRIED FIGS

€13.00

SIGNATURE FOCACCIA.

CLASSICO

FOCACCIA, PARMA HAM, GRANA SHAVINGS, RUCOLA & SLICED FRESH TOMATOES

€9.50

A LA ROMANA

FOCACCIA, MORTADELLA ROMANA, PESTO, PISTACHIO & RUCOLA

€9.50

SICILIANA

FOCACCIA, MOZZARELLA DI BUFOLA, SLICED TOMATOES, PROSCIUTTO COTTO & RUCOLA

€9.00

MALTESE

FOCACCIA, BIGILLA, SUNDRIED TOMATOES, MALTESE SAUSAGE, ONIONS & BLACK OLIVES

€9.00

VEGETARIAN (V)

FOCACCIA, MARROWS, AUBERGINES, ONIONS, CHERRY TOMATOES & OLIVE OIL

€8.50

PICCANTE

FOCACCIA, CALABRESE SPICY SALAMI, CHILLI FLAKES & OLIVE OIL

€9.50

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TRADITIONAL PLATTERS.

DIPS PLATTER

THREE HOMEMADE DIPS, CARROT STICKS & HOMEMADE FOCACCIA
€13.00

MALTESE PLATTER (V)

BLACK OLIVES, CAPERS, BIGILLA, GOAT CHEESE, BALBULJATA, SUN-DRIED TOMATOES, AUBERGINES PATE, TOMATO PASTE & ARJOLI PATE
€17.00

COLD CUTS PLATTER

A VARIETY OF COLD CUTS ACCOMPANIED WITH OUR HOMEMADE CHUTNEY, DRY FRUIT & WALNUTS
€19.50

CHEESE PLATTER

A VARIETY OF CHEESE CUTS SERVED WITH HOMEMADE CHUTNEY, DRY FRUIT & WALNUTS & HONEY
€20.00

DUO PLATTER

A CHOICE OF ANY TWO OF THE ABOVE (**DIP, MALTESE, COLD CUTS OR CHEESE**) SERVED WITH HOMEMADE CHUTNEY & DRY FRUIT
€22.00

CELLINI SPECIAL PLATTER (TO BE SHARED BY 4 PEOPLE)

A VARIETY OF COLD CUTS AND A COMBINATION OF HARD & SOFT CHEESES, A MIX FROM THE MALTESE PLATTER & 3 HOMEMADE DIPS
€37.00

DEEP FRIED PLATTERS.

FRITTO MISTO


ONION RINGS, CHICKEN DIPPERS, MINI ARANCINI, JALAPENO POPPERS, MOZZARELLA STICK & SWEET POTATO CHIPS
SERVED WITH SWEET CHILLI & BBQ SAUCE
€18.00

FRITTO ORIENTALE

DUCK SPRING ROLLS, VEGETABLES SPRING ROLLS, WAN TAN, SHRIMP IN POTATOES NEXT, VEGETABLES SAMOSA, BUTTER CHICKEN BITS
SERVED WITH PRAWN CRACKERS, SOYA SAUCE & SWEET CHILLI
€18.00

FRITTO DI MARE

PRAWNS IN TEMPURA, FRESH CALAMARI FRITTI, CRAB CLAWS, SCAMPI, KING PRAWNS, SHREDDED FISH
SERVED WITH SWEET CHILLI & TARTAR SAUCE
€20.00



**ALL PLATTERS ARE
SERVED WITH MALTESE
FTIRA & WATER BISCUITS**

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SIDE DISHES.

GRILLED VEGETABLES
€2.50

ROAST POTATOES
€2.50

POTATO WEDGES
€3.00

SWEET POTATOES CHIPS
€3.00

STEAKHOUSE CHIPS
€2.50

MIXED SALAD
€2.50

PORTION FOCACCIA
€2.00

DIP OF THE DAY
€3.00

CARROT & CELERY STICKS
€2.00

SAUCES.

MUSHROOM SAUCE
€2.50

GORGONZOLA SAUCE
€2.50

PEPPER SAUCE
€2.50

TRUFFLE SAUCE
€3.00

GRANA SAUCE
€3.00

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