



Via Porta Eatery and Deli by Studio Esteta

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Viva l'Italia! Experience Melbourne's latest culinary treat, *Via Porta Eatery and Deli* by Studio Esteta; the fruit of four siblings and their proud Italian heritage.

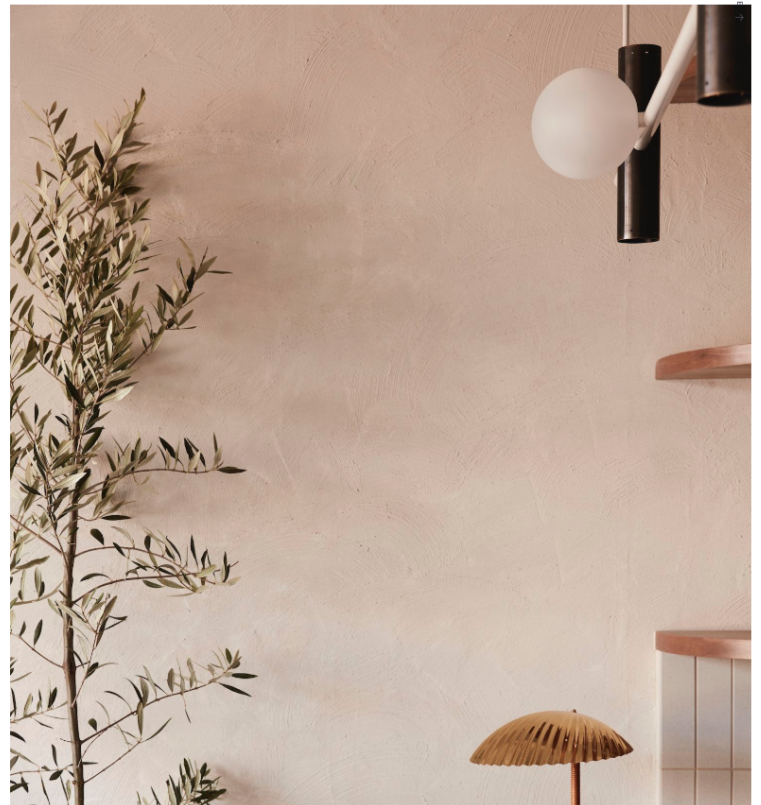
Studio Esteta director Sarah Cosentino and her three siblings Simon, Ryan and Jonathon, have brought a nostalgic taste of Italy to Melbourne's Mont Albert. Reminiscent of the narrow streets of Southern Italy, their *Via Porta Eatery and Deli* reflects on family childhood memories with their Nonna, mastering authentic Italian dishes.

Paying homage to this ritual, *Via Porta Eatery and Deli* (soon to be restaurant) is an extension of the traditional Italian family kitchen and pantry. Located in the neighbourhood where Sarah and her siblings grew up, *Via Porta Eatery and Deli* is full to the brim with locally-sourced and imported cold meats, cheeses and artisanal foods, take-home meals and house-made condiments. Engrained with a love of food and family, this is a culinary experience is not just for the eyes and palate, but a homely space for the heart and soul.

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It would seem only inevitable four siblings – two top-tier chefs, a hospitality aficionado and a leading interior designer – would convene to create a unique foodie hub like *Via Porta Eatery and Deli*. Together chefs Simon and Ryan and front-of-house expert Jonathon were their sister Sarah's client, who was tasked with a design response that brought their Italian roots to life.

Via Porta Eatery and Deli has a versatile layout, welcoming patrons to the eatery dining area and transitioning gently into the deli retail offering. An upstairs dining room caters for general dining and private events, complete with a 'Juliette' balcony.



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Sarah and the Studio Esteta team took inspiration from the abundance culture and texture in quaint Italian alleyways, layering *Via Porta Eatery and Deli* in rich, refined detail. The eatery and deli combines a modern take on classic Italian colours, with tactile and honest finishes and traditional craftsmanship methods. A textural limestone counter houses the deli, in the company of olive-green upholstered seating, Thonet bar stools and dining chairs, timber joinery and striking crazy paving.

The crazy paving is made from earthy-toned outcuts, described by Sarah as a 'non-negotiable design statement' and 'hero' of the project. An olive tree is another quintessential touch to *Via Porta Eatery and Deli*, alongside the Synesso coffee machine. Yet perhaps the most sentimental layer is the Cosentino vintage family photographs, featured among a curated selection of art.

Two years in the making, *Via Porta Eatery and Deli* is an exciting new landmark for Mont Albert and legacy for one very talented Italian family.



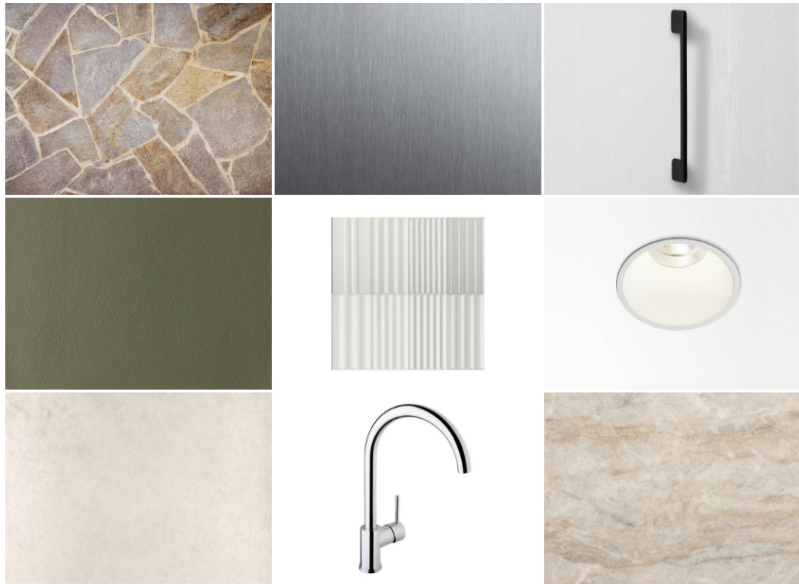


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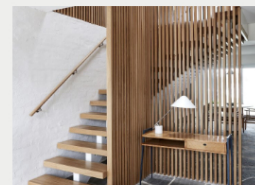
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