



BEER 'N' DUMPLINGS

Zhou Zhou:
455 Chapel Street, South Yarra VIC

Thought craft beer was an occidental phenomenon? Wrong. The orient has been hitting it hard as well.

One new Chapel Street bar is representing the Asian beer brigade with a list of over 50 regional lager and craft beer brands. Zhou Zhou has a 3am license and is staking a claim as the perfect late night antidote to the South Yarra shopping bug. Situated above the Oriental Teahouse, Zhou Zhou also boasts a well-considered cocktail menu that's much heavier on the sake than it is on the vodka — which puts an interesting twist on some of the classics.

The food menu boasts the best of what Oriental Teahouse has to offer, as well as some new favourites such as hand-wrapped duck wontons and a selection of delectable dim sum. All menu options have been hand picked to match the delightful drops and ales on offer.

Ah yes, the ales. Let's hear more about the ales: Zhou Zhou has Orion Premium on tap, an impressive array of Japanese craft beer (from Echigo Koshihikari rice lager, to Coedo Shiro German Hefeweizen-style beer from Saitama, and Kujyukuri Ocean Stout from Chiba), an Asian ale (Sinha Stout from Sri Lanka), Asian lagers (all your faves, including Bintang, Kingfisher, Asahi, Tiger, Kirin, Tsingtao and many more), three local brews that channel their inner Japanese (2 Brothers Kung Foo, Robot Ninja Sorachi Lager and the Mornington Peninsula Sorachi Summer Ale), and a handful of ciders. There's plenty of variety and will reward repeat visits to keep exploring the drinks menu.

Zhou Zhou interiors are designed by Hecker Guthrie, with the look inspired by 'The Bund' Shanghai in the 1930s. It is both refined and eclectic. "Essentially we wanted to create a Asian beer experience. The interior has a slight vintage sensibility with dark rustic timbers and flooring. There will be accents of Chinese greenery and blue and white porcelain. Key loose furniture items and styling elements will create a contemporary versus industrial feel," says Hamish Guthrie.

The ever-ebullient David Zhou says of the latest addition to his hospitality interests: "Beer and dumpling are a couple, just like Australians and BBQ, or yum cha and tea, but great beers and great dumplings are a perfect couple, they live in a very comfortable house that is Zhou Zhou." [venue](#)

