

## Punjab Regional Specials October 2018

### APPETISERS

#### Bhalla Papadi Chaat £5.50

Soft lentil dumplings with crisp semolina chips; topped with cool, silky yoghurt, and tamarind chutney

### MAINS

#### Methi Murg - £11.95

Diced chicken leg and breast cooked in fresh fenugreek flavoured thick sauce with onion, tomatoes, ginger and green chillies

#### Sarson da Saag - £9

Chopped green mustard leaves braised with ginger, green chillies and maize flour

#### Mah Choleyan di Dal - £7.50

Channa dal with Urid dal cooked together and tempered with cumin seeds, onions, ginger, garlic chillies and fresh tomatoes

#### Amritsari Kulcha - £4

Tandoori bread stuffed with crushed potatoes, fresh coriander, pomegranate powder, ginger, green chillies and carom seeds

### DESSERT

#### Gajerela with Kulfi - £6

Warm carrot halva with nuts served with Indian ice cream

All prices include VAT and exclude an optional 10% service charge  
All dishes may contain traces of nuts

## The Punjab Region

Punjab literally means 'land of five rivers' in Persian. As it was divided into two at the time of partition a part of Punjab lies in the north west of India and the other in north east of Pakistan.

Punjab mainly consists of large fertile plains and is India's biggest producer of wheat. Milk and its products in the form of malai (cream), paneer (cottage cheese), butter and curds are used with almost every Punjabi meal.

The most popular form of Indian food served around the world is derived from Punjabi cuisine. The concept of using the tandoor oven in Indian kitchens originated here. Communal tandoors are still used in the villages of Punjab where women gather in the evening to cook bread and share gossip.

It shares several characteristics with the cuisine of Kashmir and other adjacent states. Punjabi cuisine is diverse, and varies regionally. Punjabi food served in the restaurants originated from the 'Dhabas' - roadside restaurants started by Punjabi people to provide food to truckers. It would not be wrong to say that in India 'Dhabas' were the first restaurants. Tandoori Chicken, Dal Makhani, Karahi Paneer, Chicken Tikka, Lassi, Kheer, Jalebi; are the popular Punjabi dishes found in restaurants all over the world.

Other popular seasonal dishes are; Sarsoon da Saag – prepared with green mustard leaves; Makki di Roti – maize flour bread; and Cholle Bhaturre – chickpeas served with fried bread.

