

THE DAWSON

CHICAGO ★ EST. 2013

TO START

TUNA CEVICHE

charred pineapple salsa, cucumber, ancho powder, tortilla chips (gf/t) | 21

ELOTES

honey, serrano, feta, grilled lime, onion, cilantro (gf/v) | 9

SUMMER SALADS

BURRATA & HEIRLOOM TOMATOES

lemon, aged balsamic, olive oil, miche (v) | 18

FARMERS SALAD

compressed watermelon, persian cucumber, heirloom tomato, hidden springs feta, stone fruit, dill-lime vinaigrette, fresh herbs (gf/v) | 17

DAWSON SALAD

cucumber, cauliflower couscous, snap pea, arugula, napa cabbage, avocado, bell pepper, pepita vinaigrette (gf/v) | 16

ADD TO ANY SALAD: chicken 8 shrimp (s) 13 hanger steak 16

Private event space available

(gf) gluten free • (v) vegetarian
(s) contains shellfish
(t) cooked to order; consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food-borne illness

WISCONSIN CHEESE CURDS

beer battered & fried, roasted chili aioli (v) | 12

CHICKEN FRIED SHRIMP

white gulf shrimp, spicy ranch (s) | 16

3 EMPANADAS

served with serrano dill aioli | 14

choice of:

SPANISH CHORIZO & QUESO

or

FRESH CORN & ROASTED POBLANO (v)

WOOD-FIRED GRILL

house specialties lovingly prepared over open fire



GRILLED MACHA AHI TUNA

bali rice, macha salsa, papaya salad, pickled ginger, mango (s/t) | 32

CURRY CAULIFLOWER

tikka masala, pickled golden raisin, lime, basamati rice, almond (gf/v) | 21
add chicken 8 add shrimp (s) 13 add hanger steak 16

MEDITERRANEAN BEEF KEBAB

fregola, cucumber, zucchini, feta, tabbouleh, grilled naan, dahi chutney, lemon | 32

BUTCHER'S CUT

spice roasted fingerling potatoes, dawson devil steak sauce (gf/t) | 36

ENSENADA FISH TACOS

1 lb. striped bass, golden habenero salsa, baja slaw, grilled lime, flour tortilla, available fried or grilled (t) | 42

SANDWICHES

PROPER BBQ

bbq smoked corned beef brisket, Dawson coleslaw, house pickles, onion brioche | 19

SPICY FRIED CHICKEN

dill provolone, arugula, spicy cilantro aioli, diablo sauce, house pickles | 18
add bacon | 2

THE DAWSON BURGER

american cheese, lettuce, b&b pickle, mustard aioli, caramelized onion (t) | 17
add bacon | 2 add egg | 2

SIDES

BUFFALO CAULIFLOWER

almonds, lemon breadcrumbs, celery, blue cheese dip (v) | 10

FRIES

chili aioli, ketchup (v) | 7

Welcome back! We are so grateful for your patronage.

Please wear masks and socially distance when not seated at your table. In light of our mandated seating restrictions, we respectfully ask that you honor the dining time limits of 90 min for parties of two and two hours for parties of three or more.

WINES BY THE GLASS

BUBBLES

Prosecco Superiore - La Contesse - Veneto, IT | 12

PINK BUBBLES

Brut Rosé - Royal Marine - Provence, FR | 14

THE CRISP WHITE

Sauv Blanc - Wairau River - Marlborough, NZ 2018 | 14

THE OFF-DRY WHITE

Riesling - Shady Lane - Leelanau, MI 2016 | 15

THE BIG WHITE

Chardonnay - Lucas & Lewellen - California 2016 | 14

THE ROSÉ

Grenache Blend - Chateau Guiot - France 2019 | 14

THE LIGHT RED

Pinot Noir - Golden - California 2018 | 15

THE JUICY RED

Grenache-Syrah - Chateau Juvenal - France 2017 | 14

THE SPICY RED

Sangiovese Blend - Marquillani - Corsica 2017 | 13

THE BIG RED

Petit Sirah - Matchbook - California 2018 | 16

HALF BOTTLES

CHARDONNAY

Grgich Hills - Napa, CA | 40

SEASONAL COCKTAILS

crafted by Bar Manager Paul Walker
\$14 each

GOOD TIME

vodka, cherry heering, passionfruit, lime
juicy - zingy - crushable

KOKOMO SPRITZ

aperol, coconut, sparkling
bright - effervescent - relaxing

KERMIT'S CONSTITUTIONAL

gin, cucumber, mint, lime
grassy - cooling - quenching

SOME LIKE IT HOT

tequila, lime, orange, agave, habanero
tart - refreshing - piquant



G.T.O.

gin, vermouth, grapefruit, lime, thyme, hopped bitters
tried - true - The Dawson favorite

FROZEN MAI TAI

bacardi superior, bacardi 8, lime, orgeat (contains nuts)
citrusy - tropical - smooth



Ask about our cocktails to go!
Available in singles or 6 packs

PREMIUM OLD FASHIONEDS

WILD TURKEY 101

Lawrenceburg, KY - bourbon | 14
nutty, corn, shortbread

BLANTON'S 'GAGE SECRET STASH' 6 YR

Frankfort, KY - single barrel select | 28
tobacco, toffee, caramel

GLENLIVET 12YR

Glenlivet, SCT - single malt scotch | 18
tangerine, malt, honey

DRAFT BEER

BRASSERIE METEOR

Bohemian Pilsner from France (5.0%) | 8

MOODY TONGUE STEEPED EMPEROR'S LEMON SAISON

Saison from Chicago, IL (6.3%) | 9

BALLAST POINT GRAPEFRUIT SCULPIN

IPA from San Diego, CA (7.0%) | 10

SPITEFUL BREWING BLEACHER BUM

Blonde Ale w/ Peaches from Chicago, IL (5.0%) | 8

MAPLEWOOD SON OF JUICE

Hazy IPA from Chicago, IL (6.3%) | 10

SPITEFUL BREWING TWANG GUAVA GOSE

Gose from Chicago, IL (4.5%) | 8

RIGHT BEE CIDER

Semi-Dry Cider from Chicago, IL (6.5%) | 8

GUINNESS

Irish Stout from Dublin, Ireland (4.2%) | 9