

ELSA

Commandeered by Mélanie Serre, the trailblazing chef who impressed with her revival of the Parisian neighbourhood bistro Le Louis Vins, Elsa delivers Mediterranean dishes that draw on seasonal, local flavours. Set within the Monte Carlo Beach Hotel, the organic restaurant is in keeping with the hotel's green credentials and sources its ingredients from a wild vegetable garden high up in the hilly green pastures of Roquebrune-Cap-Martin.

In the comfortable and chic confines of the restaurant overlooking mountains, pine forests, and Monte Carlo beach, guests can enjoy a guilt-free dining



experience that enriches their palettes without costing the planet.

The menu is seasonal; in mid May, inventive dishes included cockles and clams in cannelloni, fillet of red mullet with potato gnocchi and a red fruit and black pepper meringue sorbet. The influence of Joël Robuchon is evident; Serre trained under the renowned chef at the L'Atelier Étoile Paris. The Frenchman's focus on simplicity, consistency and seasonal ingredients is an obvious marker, but Serre is also quick to credit Christophe Cussac, whom she first worked with at the nearby Hôtel Métropole Monte-Carlo, and Olivier Bardoux, as formative influences on her pared back style. "I want Elsa to be a place of life, wellbeing and peace."

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LA MÔME

Set on the roof of the Port Palace Hotel, with a terrace overlooking the harbour, the interior design of La Môme was inspired by Alfred Hitchcock classic, *To Catch A Thief*. Diners can expect the same spirit as Antoine and Ugo Lecorché's Cannes original (opened in 2015) with a space that can accommodate 220 for lunch and dinner, seven days a week. The menu showcases the best of the Med with Provençal, Italian and Greek influences; flame-smoked aubergine with virgin sauce and piquillo cream, marinated yellowtail and seafood specialities such as crispy octopus and yoghurt, with a Monégasque fishermen supplying fresh produce daily. Expect plenty of theatre; it's not unknown for the waiting staff to break into an impromptu dance throughout the evening.

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