


THE CAVE

OIDEYASU, WELCOME!



Hello Cavers! Thanks for coming down those stairs

SPECIAL DISHES	A) ASPARA!	\$10.00
	ASPARAGUS WRAPPED IN DIJON MUSTARD PORK BELLY, BREADCRUMBED & DEEP FRIED. WE RECOMMEND OUR KUSHIAGE SAUCE WITH THESE	
	B) NAMURU (V)	\$ 8.00
	BEAN SPROUTS SIMMERED IN SESAME OIL, SOYA SAUCE AND GARLIC	
SPECIAL DISHES	C) KAKUNI MANJU	\$14.00
	THICK SLAB OF BRAISED PORK BELLY, AL BROWN'S JALAPENO MUSTARD AND SPRING ONIONS IN TWO SOFT BAO BUNS.	
	D) SPRING SOBA SALAD	\$15.00
OUR SALAD OF THE MONTH IS SOBA NOODLES, SALAD GREENS, SPRING VEGETABLES, EDAMAME, SHAVED FISH FLAKES & JAPANESE DRESSING		
SPECIAL DRINKS	ORION CRAFT BEER FROM OKINAWA	\$12.00
	ISLAND PALE ALE, TROPICAL PILSNER OR SOUTHERN WHEAT	
	UME SODA (0% ALCOHOL)	\$11.00
SWEET JAPANESE PLUM WITH SODA & ICE		
CAVE GEAR	ORIGINAL CAVE T-SHIRT (ONLY A FEW S & M SIZE LEFT!)	\$39.00
	CAVE 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CANVAS TOTE BAG	\$29.00
	 2024 CAVE T-SHIRT	\$50.00

ONE BILL PER TABLE, THANK YOU



THE CAVE'S FOUNDER, RICK LITTLEWOOD LOVED EVERYTHING TO DO WITH JAPAN.

RICK SPENT A COUPLE OF MONTHS OF THE YEAR LIVING WITH HIS WIFE IN HIS RENOVATED MACHIYA (TRADITIONAL WOODEN TOWNHOUSE) IN KYOTO PRACTICING JUDO AND FREQUENTING SAKE BARS, TACHINOMI (STANDING DRINKING BARS) AND YAKITORI JOINTS, ALL IN THE NAME OF "RESEARCH"

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN HIM PROPPING UP THE BAR HERE AT THE CAVE OVER THE YEARS, CHATTING TO RANDOM DINERS MAKING SURE THEY WERE HAVING A GOOD TIME
RICK WAS A JAPAN KODOKAN 8TH DAN JUDOKA AND COMPETED IN THE 1972 MUNICH OLYMPIC GAMES. HE TAUGHT JUDO FOR DECADES FROM HIS DOJO HERE IN AUCKLAND AND WAS STILL COMPETING IN JAPAN WELL INTO HIS 70'S

WE MISS HIM SO MUCH, BUT WHAT A LEGACY HE HAS LEFT X