

OUR KITCHEN GARDEN IN MARCH

The next chapter in the Craggy Range Organic Kitchen Garden began in October 2022 with its expansion to over 800 square metres. Our aspiration is now on becoming the first closed-loop garden to table restaurant in New Zealand.

It's a place for learning, insight, and inspiration.

Throughout March, our talented garden team finds themselves busy harvesting fresh salad leaves and nourishing greens to brighten up our autumnal dishes, including cavolo nero, chicory, New Zealand spinach, and a long list of vegetables and herbs are all picked four times a week to ensure a consistent supply. Our late season crop of tomatoes will be harvested in the greenhouse during March – with this crop we are delighted to extend the vibrant tomato season and cling onto summer for as long as possible.

This month, we will be harvesting 50kg of our plantings of Urenika potatoes. This has been a two-season process, which started with only 15 seeds last year. From the first harvest, we were able to save enough seed potatoes to plant a 25-meter area in our kitchen garden. Alongside our Yacon and Jerusalem Artichokes, you can expect this delicate, earthy varietal to add a special touch of autumn flavour to your plate.

As part of the biodynamic/organic management of the kitchen garden we maintain a crop rotation to take care of the health of the soil, prevent the build-up of pest and disease and stop nutrient deficiencies, which is high risk in particular for our brassica varietals. This month, you will see very fast green crops of Italian Rye Grass as a management tool to maintain this 4 crop rotation. We warmly invite you to visit our kitchen garden during your time with us and see these exciting updates in March for yourself.

HARVESTING

CAVOLO NERO | RAINBOW CARROTS | TOMATOES | CALENDULA | VIOLAS
DILL | CHICORY | UPLAND CRESS | THYME | CONE CABBAGES
PARSLEY | SALAD BURNET | NEW ZEALAND SPINACH
SORREL | BABY SPINACH | RADISH | SHISO | ROCKET
RED LETTUCE | MINT | LEMONS | LIMES | KAFFIR LIME | LEMON VERBENA
LOVAGE | THYME | MINTS | CORNFLOWER | MAGENTA SPREEN | BEETROOT
| WATERCRESS | OAK LEAF SALAD | LEBANESE CUCUMBERS
ROSEMARY | ELDERFLOWER | BRONZE FENNEL | CHIVES | CORNFLOWERS