Wine Dinners Return in Fine Swiss Style!

WE WERE HONOURED and delighted to hold our first Wine Dinner for 2021 at the iconic Chalet Suisse in Ampang. This cosy, welcoming restaurant has been around for more than a quarter of a century and owner Manfred Faehndrich and his wonderful team proved to be the perfect hosts for a small number of guests. Conducting all the necessary safety protocols and ensuring diners weren't seated too close together, Chalet Suisse provided a wonderful meal for everyone, with the food, service, and ambiance all drawing praise from those who joined. And again, Bluestar AMG was on hand, generously sponsoring a brand-new iPad, given away as a lucky draw prize to one very delighted guest!

The meal started with fresh chalet bread, along with pesto, butter, and chicken liver pâté on the table, with an Aussie 2020 McGuigan Black Label Sauvignon Blanc. The light bites were then followed by a delicious Cheese Quiche à la Chalet Suisse (along with a mixed green salad and house dressing), paired with a lovely 2019 Dr. Loosen Dry Riesling Qualitatswein from Germany. Next, guests enjoyed a bit of Swiss tradition with the hearty Barley Soup 'Grison' served with a 2018 Deakin Estate Artisan's Blend Chardonnay – Pinot Grigio (Australia).

After a lemon-lime sherbet palate cleanser, the main course followed, with a choice of Sliced Veal 'Zurich' with Mushroom Cream Sauce, Grilled Barramundi Fish Fillet 'Lucerne,' or Slow-Braised Beef Cheek with Red Wine Sauce. Wines offered for the main course included a 2014 Orinoco Pinot Noir and a 2014 Ōhau Gravels Pinot Gris, both from New Zealand.

Dessert was another triumph, with a very nice Swiss Apple Strudel with a Warm Vanilla Sauce, providing a perfect end to an excellent meal. It was such an enjoyable evening, several guests made plans to return for more of the great food and delightful atmosphere at Chalet Suisse. ■

Thanks once more to Chalet Suisse!
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