

Fratini's Restaurant

After one of my marathon shopping expeditions at Warisan Square, I paused to catch my breath, replenish vital fluids lost with hours of bargaining, and allow my credit card to get back to room temperature after being swiped so many times.

Fratini's, an authentic Italian restaurant provided the perfect gentle healing on this occasion, its relaxed atmosphere, well spaced tables that have an intimate yet open feel, perfect for those post purchase 'show and tell' chats.

The menu is interesting, nothing overtly fancy. My earliest memories of sampling Italian mocktails was in Sydney, and seriously what we have in this city by way of quality and choice is comparable to any large city in the world. Back to replenishing those vital fluids and for me its Banana Bush, a juicy mocktail with bananas and orange juice. I'm surprised at the vast variety of the beverage menu. The selections are intelligently selected, with some unusual offerings, such as the Bluesky float.

When an Italian restaurant puts something like Ossobucco Allo Crema Funghi Rissotto on the menu, you just have to try it. The veal shank was stewed to perfec-

tion and served with creamy mushroom risotto. The taste was so authentic I could have been having this dish in Rome! It was exquisite. The Baked Salmon Steak is another highly recommended dish. It is cooked Vienna style with the freshest ingredients. I absolutely loved it. After your meal at Fratini's, make sure you have their Tiramisu which is a traditional Italian cheese cake.

Intalata Alla Caprese Con Zucchini Alla Griglia simply means fresh mozzarella tossed with extra virgin oil, oregano and basil served with sliced tomatoes, grilled zucchini and salad. It's wonderful when a kitchen takes a chance on something unusual and succeeds.

All the pastas at Fratini's are artisanal-looking and loaded with flavor. I loved the Lasagne Di Carne with house-made pasta layered with minced meat, parmesan and mozzarella sauce. The pastas range from Rm18 to Rm24. Meat dishes such as their juicy lamb chops are Fratini's strong point. Fratini's endeavors to bring families together by cooking delicious Italian meals and also runs free pizza classes for adults and kids. Call 088-484299 for more information.



Baked Salmon Steak



Watch how a pizza is made



Ossobucco Rissotto



Pizza flipping

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