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Simply Impressive

Gastronomes in Bangsar have yet another establishment where they can go to satisfy their taste and thirst for fine food and drink. The Press Room, located at the front of Bangsar Shopping Centre, is rapidly gaining a reputation around town as the place to go for quality European (French-Italian focused) cuisine. Established last November by Gastrodome – the same company that brought us La Bodega – the Press Room offers an array of hearty, simple and fresh dishes as well as an incredibly extensive selection of wines. The ambiance of the restaurant is unpretentious and elegant, reminiscent of a French brasserie.

According to Head Chef Thierry Bres, who originally hails from France but has had cooking stints in numerous countries around the globe: “We try to keep things simple here. We focus on that classic French taste. The most important thing is the taste of the food. Our customers know what they are getting and they keep coming back for more.” Chef Thierry revises the menu every three months, introducing new items but retaining those signature classics which have made the Press Room so successful.

Chef Thierry kindly recommended a few “must-try” items from the menu. I started with the Seared Foie Gras with Seared Apple. The tastes and textures of the liver and fruit complemented each other perfectly, and the dish was an absolute delight.

I then moved on to a sampling of snails, prepared in two distinct styles. I tried the Escargots with Tarragon Cream and the Escargots Gratines with Bleu Cheese Butter. The tarragon and bleu cheese were subtly integrated and provided an interesting twist to the taste of the dishes.

Bleu cheese also made an appearance in our main course: the Beef Medallion with Bleu Cheese Sauce and Mash Potatoes. According to Chef Thierry, this is one of the most popular items on the menu, and after devouring it I can understand why.

For dessert, I got to try a new offering which was recently introduced to the menu. The rosemary, sage and lavender sorbet – which actually can be consumed at any point throughout the meal – cleansed the palate with a refreshing zing.

The simple, hearty fare of the Press Room made an enduring impression on my taste buds.

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