

EPICUREAN EPISODES

J.M. Rosen's Waterfront Grill

Cheesecake and a Whole Lot More

We always enjoy dining overlooking the Petaluma River because it is so relaxing. It's summertime and a great time to return to J.M. Rosen's Waterfront Grill. We have dined there quite a few times in its 8-year history but we



Petaluma River view from J.M. Rosen's

had not been there recently. We have heard good things about how they had expanded their menu and added a Private Dining Room. It's hard to believe that Jan and Michele Rosen have been restaurateurs in Petaluma since 1976. Their signature J.M. Rosen's New York Style Cheesecake is featured here and in many other California restaurants and is shipped (Very Carefully) around the world.

As we entered for dinner, we were pleased by the updated décor that included the addition of the Sinatra Private Dining Room with autographed pictures of celebrities. Diners inside and on the patio overlooked the peaceful Petaluma River on this warm summer evening. We were about to see what the new expanded menu had to offer as we listened to light jazz including classics like the Frank Sinatra hit "Dancing Queen" in the background. Billie, our waitress, was soon at our table explaining the Specials and we started by ordering Pellegrino Sparkling Mineral Water and wines by the glass.

We started our Dinner with some excellent and diverse First Courses. It's not on the Atkins or the South Beach Diet but you will be happy

you ordered the Baked Brie in Puffed Pastry. It is served with toast points and grapes and is definitely decadent but worth every calorie and not really too bad if shared by 2 or even 4 people. There's something about melted Brie that is so satisfying. Next we had the Seafood Sampler that consisted of Smoked Prawns that were very tasty, Crab Cakes that were light and had lovely spices, and Fried Calamari that was lightly breaded and flavorful. Another delicious appetizer that we really enjoyed was the Lobster Ravioli, which consisted of four large raviolis filled with large pieces of lobster in a fabulous lobster cream sauce.

The Main Courses are all plentiful and come with soup or salad.

We loved the New England Clam Chowder, which was the Soup of the Day, and the salads with a delicious raspberry vinaigrette dressing.

The over-all favorite Entrée was the Grilled Thick Cut Pork Chops. Served with an excellent apple and raisin chutney, it was lightly peppered and cooked medium rare as ordered. Five Prawn Scampi was also a favorite and a bit lighter than the other entrees. It was served on a square plate with wild rice, julienne vegetables, and bok choy in a light wine sauce. Duck lovers will enjoy the Pan Seared Duck. It was crispy yet moist and served with cranberry reduction, bok choy and garlic mashed potatoes. It was very satisfying.

Desserts are a must so make sure you save room. The Traditional J.M. Rosen's New York Style Cheesecake was very rich and creamy. The Lemon Marscapone Crème Layer Cake was a close second and the Carrot Cake with coconut not far behind. Illy Espresso or a full mug of piping hot coffee was a great

finish to the meal. Some may enjoy an after dinner drink like Grappa, Armagnac, Presidential 40 Year Old Port or Cockburn Anniversary 1994 LBV Port from their full bar.

The Wine List created by Jan Rosen is quite extensive and features Sonoma, Napa and Imported Wines. We enjoyed the Kendall Jackson 20th Anniversary Chardonnay, Napa, which paired well with the Scampi, and the Kunde Estate Sonoma Valley Zinfandel, which paired well with the Pork Chops. We were glad to see that the wines were served in Riedel Glassware.

J. M. Rosen's Waterfront Grill has changed over the last decade. The menu has expanded to offer something for everyone; the Sinatra Private Dining room adds more room for parties and more indoor dining on days when outdoor dining is not possible. The décor is updated and the Celebrity Photos add personality. The excellent Cheesecake has remained the constant. We really enjoyed our dinner and look forward to coming back soon!

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Shrimp Scampi



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