

EPICUREAN EPISODES

Kabuki Sushi Bar & Japanese Restaurant

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Sushi & Sashimi Combination is a variety of traditional favorites.

IT WAS A COLD AND RAINY NIGHT IN PETALUMA. The winter rains had been with us for a week and we were starting to get cabin fever. We bundled up, put on our rain boots and hats and braved the weather, in search of a fine dining experience. Of course we didn't have to go far, only into downtown Petaluma to find one of Petaluma's favorite restaurants. Kabuki Sushi Bar & Japanese Restaurant. Kabuki has been pleasing both locals and tourists alike for seven years now.

Michael Chiang, one of the owners, greeted us at the door with a warm welcome to Kabuki. We were seated comfortably at a table with full view of the sushi bar. The interior was very pleasing. An old brick wall framed the restaurant on one side with the sushi bar parallel; this created a charming and friendly atmosphere. The décor included new birdseye maple chairs, adding to the overall aesthetics and comfort of dining experience.

Andy Ma, the Executive Chef /Co-Owner--originally from Hong Kong which some call "The Food Capitol of The World"--has quite a following in Petaluma. Each day he creates "Andy Specials" which gives diners a chance to try some new and creative dishes.

Christie, our server, was soon at our table with a friendly smile and told us about the menu and "Andy Specials" for the day. We ordered both hot and cold sake to start and were already feeling right at home. The restaurant was crowded for this rainy night with happy customers including families, couples and single diners, many of which appeared to be "regulars". Here are some of the dishes that we tried and recommend:



Lobster tail broiled with mango curry makes a terrific appetizer.

STARTERS

Miso Soup This soup was a perfect starter to warm us up on this cold rainy winter night. Always a Japanese favorite.

Tako Sunomono This Cucumber Salad was lightly dressed and refreshing.

ANDY SPECIALS

The **Lobster Tail** broiled with Mango Curry was a terrific warm appetizer!

Japanese Crab Cake

This Crab Cake was light and filled with lots of fresh crab. It was extremely flavorful and tasty.

Japanese Tostada Crab & Mango Sauce with Guacamole This lightly fried Won Ton was delicious. It is surely a California fusion dish reflecting multiple cultures.

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The Petaluma Roll

which included Yellow tail, Tuna, green onions and carrot which was deep fried and rolled --tobiko. A Roll which was worthy of its name. It was very fresh and tasty.

THE DESSERTS really accented the meal. Fortunately, we saved room for **The Banana Crown** and the **Tempura Banana**. They both were so fantastic that we'd consider



Executive Chef Andy Ma prepares delectable daily specials.

coming in after a movie just for dessert!

SAKE

Takara Nigori Sake Unfiltered. This is a very interesting taste as unfiltered Sake is very strong. It may not be for everyone but we really liked the taste.

Karatamba Dry Sake The Sake scale runs from 1 to 10. Ten is the driest. Karatamba is a 7 and was perfect for our palate.

Kabuki Sushi Bar & Japanese Restaurant has been pleasing Petalumans for seven years now and for good reasons. The friendly atmosphere, fresh sushi, creative "Andy Specials" and good selection of both hot & cold sake make it a high energy and fun destination restaurant that all can enjoy. February is for lovers... and Kabuki will be ready for Valentine's Day. You'll find a Lover's Price Fixed Dinner, as well as the

regular menu. We enjoyed our dinner at Kabuki and will be happy to return again soon.

KABUKI SUSHI BAR & JAPANESE RESTAURANT

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LUNCH

Monday-Friday
 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM

DINNER

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 4:30 PM – 9:30 PM
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Early Bird menu

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
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A savory Crab Cake awaits.