

For those who get frustrated with the inability to taste various wines with their meal at reasonable prices, check out the recently opened, Tasting Room in Bukit Bandaraya tucked away in suburbia near Bangsar. One of the most alluring features of this relaxed and comfortable bistro cum wine bar is that they serve some 30 excellent wines by the glass as well as 300 labels by the bottle.

Recommending a wine is not a problem for the bistro staff as they are all sourced and supplied by Wine Cellar (www.winecellar.com.my) located immediately below the Tasting Room. These cellars have been supplying informed wine connoisseurs for the past ten years and have earned a solid reputation for being one of the best wine suppliers in the country. Their success has also fostered the development of a noteworthy 'food street' with several restaurants now located here.

It seemed only natural that Wine Cellar should branch out into the Tasting Room as several of their owners are also involved in the F&B industry. The excitement for guests is the range of drinking and dining options as well as the opportunity to really mix and match things. They offer flights of food, wines (priced from RM16-25/glass), single malts (15 by the glass), mocktails, coffees, teas, boutique beers, grand cru chocolates and, cheeses. For example, they offer a 'Sweet Tooth' flight of three Australian stickies and dessert wines (3 x 30cl glasses) for just RM25. So diners can taste all dessert wines choose the one they like best of all – Chambers Muscat, Chambers Tokay or an Allandale Semillion/Sauvignon Blanc. The wines are maintained in premium condition through the use of a nitrogen seal system which prevents oxidation and deterioration.

Chef Max has prepared a pork-free, contemporary European menu with many popular Italian and Spanish favourites with changes being made every quarter. Each dish is matched with a suitable wine. Both lunch and dinner is served. The venue is intimate holding just 30 patrons

and comfortable lounges complement the tables and chairs. There is a smoking balcony and the background music of jazz and Latin rhythms does not dominate conversation. **ha**



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Sat, Sun and public holidays, 5pm – late.



Clockwise from the top: Enjoy over 30 wines by the glass at The Tasting Room; These cellars have been supplying informed wine connoisseurs for the past ten years; Wine and dine in comfort, privacy or in company – whatever suits your mood

A Taste Of The Tasting Room

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