

where we've been...



Campbellcourt Chinese - Campbelltown

My kids usually determine where we will eat on our Wednesday night catch up. They have a few favourites and I rarely dispute their choice. One of those favourites is Campbellcourt Chinese inside The Court Tavern at Campbelltown. No arguments here.

Chinese cuisine is not done particularly well in our district... Actually most suburban Chinese restaurants throughout Australia have a familiar... 'suburbaness' about them. In my opinion Chinese restaurant owners have been the slowest of all the ethnic restaurateurs to notice and adjust to the changes in Australian dining habits. I suppose there is still a place for the ordinariness of these 1970 throw backs but there is also a massive market for higher quality, more modern interpretations of Chinese cooking. The supply and demand scale is way out of balance. Fried Rice and Curried Prawns should be amusing memories like flaired jeans and the Leyland P76. Instead this type of menu item still dominates Chinese menus outside of capital cities.

Thankfully we have a few Chinese restaurants in Macarthur at least offering quality, fresh food. Campbellcourt is one of them. We have tried quite a few of the dishes on the atypically shortish menu. On this night we go with a number of Chinese standards San Choy Bow, Mongolian Beef, Chicken Cashew Nut. All of them are beautiful. My kids are in raptures over this place.

The winelist at The Court Tavern is pretty good too. No sign of Blue Nun, Black Tower or

TR2 here... don't laugh, I have seen these in Chinese restaurants within the last year. The Court's management are acutely aware of the importance of having a good wine list when you have good food.

The food and wine at Campbellcourt is very good. The value is awesome! If you have teenage kids, make sure you keep Campbellcourt up your sleeve for a casual family dinner where everyone will be happy.