

Harrington Grove Country Club

The more casual little brother to Bibendum Restaurant, this beautiful lunch spot becomes a sophisticated bar by night. I had a lovely Chrissy lunch with a large table of special people at Harrington's Bar & Grill in December. Great company was embellished with wonderful atmosphere and outlook, outstanding food and a few bottles of exquisite wines.

We started with a bottle of Next of Kin sauvignon blanc semillon from Margaret River. All of my guests were discerning foodies so my wine selections were made under extreme pressure. We decided to try a different white every time one ran dry... good plan. Not too different though. They were all sauv blancs in the end. Funny. We drink so much of the stuff that the regional variatelles add interest to the drinking. The other two bottles we enjoyed immensely were Helens Hill Estate Fume Blanc from the fabulous Yarra Valley in Victoria and of course one from Marlborough, New Zealand. A bottle of Mahi Sauvignon Blanc completed our trip around Australasia.

Dishes like Fresh Prawn Salad with Avocado, Pawpaw and Champagne Vinaigrette sat perfectly with the wine, the occasion and the venue. Others around the table sampled: Spaghetti with Green Prawns, Garlic, Parsley Chilli and Tomato; Soft Shell Crab with Avocado Salsa and Herb Aioli; Salt & Pepper Squid with Wild Rocket Salad and Orange Glaze. Yes all perfect summer style dining.

Harrington Grove Country Club is a superb venue with an amazing outlook over the

grounds of the opulent Country Club. A perfect place to waste away a Sunday afternoon. How civilised!