



RESTAURANT OF THE MONTH

Casa 13

Enter the courtyard of this 1930's villa former home of the *French Consul* from a quiet lane and you are in sophisticated *Spain* – white umbrellas, green plants, yellow stucco exterior, black iron shutters and lamps – oh so *Mediterranean!*

A glass conservatory dining room is slick with high-backed contemporary *Spanish* style white leather chairs and a glass chandelier.

It's equally pleasant sitting in the courtyard or overlooking glass room – there's a feeling of intimacy and connectedness, particularly with a glass of chilled *Anthill Bianco, Donnufugata* (65RMB) in hand, while you contemplate the small, well-chosen menu.

A fresh baguette arrives on your table, along with a pottle of Extra Virgin oil from in *Murica, Spain* and one of *tapenade*.

The simple, yet enticing menu features **starters** such as: *Steamed Clams Mediterranean-style, with pancetta & sweet vermouth*@40RMB; *Mussels with white wine, herbs & garlic*@50RMB; and *Grilled Chicken Skewers with wood-roasted gazpacho & Avocado relish* @40RMB.

Second courses include dishes of *Jumbo Prawns with Almonds, Capers & Shallots* @ 170 RMB **OR** *Roast Cod with Escargot butter*, and *Grilled Asparagus with Avocado oil, Capers and Aged Balsamic vinegar* @ 150RMB

OR *Grass-fed Beef Tenderloin, pan-roasted with Madeira, rosemary & beets* @190RMB; and *Fennel-scented Duck Breast*@100 RMB.

Mouth-watering **desserts** such as *Chocolate Truffle Ravioli, Vahlrona Chocolate Mousse with a touch of Cassis liqueur* and *Yoghurt Pannacotta with a honey-glazed pear* are offered for 12 – 20 RMB.

The **wine list** is particularly interesting and well selected from various parts of *Europe, the Americas, Australia & New Zealand*.

This is a very well planned relaxing place where you can easily while away a comfortable couple of hours between cultural forays.

Before you leave, make sure you browse the contemporary of the *Yi Gallery* upstairs.

Open for lunch Tuesday to Saturday 11am – 4pm

Brunch on Sunday 11am - 4pm

Dinner Tuesday to Saturday 5pm – 10pm

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