

Bouillon Gavroche Mandarin Gallery â?? Hearty French Food With Nice Vibes

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Today, I had lunch at Bouillon Gavroche with my wife. It is on level 1 of Mandarin Gallery along Orchard Road, and you cannot really miss it. Bright red facade, black art-deco doors and old French posters on the walls.



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A bouillon (an old-school Paris canteen serving hearty French food at everyday prices) is not something we see much of in Singapore. This one comes from the same father-and-son team behind Brasserie Gavroche. Classic dishes, no fuss.

Inside, it is red banquettes, globe lights and French music playing in the background. It is not a quiet place. But it is good for a casual meal with friends, where you order a few plates to share and just talk.

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Drinks are easy. It is $1 per pax for free-flow water, and they bring it to the table in their own branded bottle.

We started with the French baguette and butter ($4). It came warm and crisp, with a slab of butter on the side. Simple, but very satisfying. What can go wrong with this.

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For the steak, we went for the Wagyu Petit Tender ($38), which comes with peppercorn sauce and fries. The beef was very tender and juicy, still nicely pink inside. If you only have to try one dish, I would suggest this.

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We also ordered the Parmentier de Canard ($24). Think of it as a shepherdâ??s pie, but with shredded duck confit at the bottom, crushed potato on top and a crust of breadcrumbs baked till golden.

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It was good. But it is heavy, so it is better to share. For one pax, it can get too much.

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My personal verdict.

Food: 4/5 â?? the Wagyu steak and the baguette carry it. Lunch for the two of us came to about $70+. Menu prices are before service charge and GST, so do factor that in. Not hawker cheap, but decent value for French food in the middle of Orchard.

Ambience: 4/5 â?? lively and comfortable. Suitable for a casual meal with friends.

Service: 4.5/5

Will I return? Yes. I am happy to come back and try the other items on the menu.

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