



# A creative and unique idea

BUBBLES on Cove at Sanctuary Cove is the latest venture from Michelin-starred chef Meyjitte Bouhgenout.

While the Frenchman wins hearts with his food at his fine-diner Absynthe in the Q1 building, there isn't even a kitchen in the new premises.

Bubbles is a bottle shop and wine bar in one, where guests can buy a bottle of wine or beer and drink it on site at no additional cost, then take home any leftovers. For those who don't want to buy a whole bottle though, there is also a selection of wines available by the glass from the Enomatic dispenser machine.

It's a unique and creative concept, which is perfect for couples who find an entire bottle too much.

And the range of wines to choose from is top notch. The bottles include varieties from boutique and independent wineries if you're in the mood for something new, plus popular labels from here and abroad. A bottle of champagne is also worth a look,

with a variety of top quality bubbles at very competitive prices.

The beer sparked our interest, with a variety of boutique and unusual offerings available. We chose a raspberry ale and a chocolate stout, and also tried a Kir Royale from the bar's cocktail list.

While there is no kitchen on site, the restaurant does offer a range of tapas and cheese brought in from the nearby O Bar and Grill.

We chose the lemon and garlic prawns, szechuan squid, fried baby potatoes and lamb kofta.

Despite having to be delivered from around the corner, the food arrived hot and fresh. The kofta and prawns were both well-spiced and flavoursome, but the squid was the highlight. It was tender, not too oily and fiery from the szechuan seasoning.

We enjoyed our drinks and lunch from the covered outdoor area. It is light and breezy, and features large, padded, outdoor couches and arm

chairs so comfortable you don't want to leave. You can also sip your drink or eat your nibbles inside at the elegant bar in the centre of the bottleshop.

The only lowlight in our lunch was the service. I felt the waitress could have been a little more enthusiastic about looking after us.

That aside Bubbles on Cove is a relaxing and pleasant place to wile away an afternoon or evening.

**WHERE** Bubbles on Cove, 34b Quay St, Sanctuary Cove, ph: 5577 9669.

**WHEN** Open Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm; Fri-Sun 10am-10pm.

**WHAT** Wine at bottleshop prices. Tapas \$7.90-\$14.90.

<b>Verdict</b>			
Food	<b>14.5</b>	Service	<b>11</b>
Drinks	<b>18</b>	Ambience	<b>15</b>
All scores are marked out of 20			



**Tender and spicy: The szechuan squid was a hit** Picture: Luke Marsden