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This week's bar review: My Dining Room, London

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Where did you go?

My Dining Room, 18 Farm Lane, London, SW6; 020 7381 3331, mydiningroom.net.

Why?

The bar and restaurant only opened in February, and I had heard the cocktails contained such delicacies as geranium essence made by an Italian farmer who

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produces only 25 bottles a month. Some people like to say it with flowers, but I like to drink them, so I hopped straight on the District Line.

What was it like?

The bar was ever so slightly like a school room, but had lessons been this good you would have turned up every time. Bentwood chairs and dark, desk-like tables were overhung with big gilt mirrors — that's in addition statement wallpaper and cavernous fireplaces. As the actress I had brought along to be my date concurred, this was one place we'd have happily spent detention in.

What did you drink?

A GC, obvs — that's geranium syrup and champagne — which smelt like the actress's nan ("that's a good thing") and was worth the Tube ride alone. She had a tangy elderflower mojito and we both followed them up with rose martinis. We may have been drinking an English summer garden, but we were tasting the fabulous fruits of heaven, as I happily pronounced it the best cocktail menu I had ever seen.

THE ESSENTIALS

My Dining Room

Address

18 Farm Lane,
London, SW6

Price for two

Cocktails £32,
dinner £40, wine
£29



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And the barman got extra points for mixing the drinks in less time than it takes to pour a glass of water — flaring is all well and good, but when the drinks are this nice, you don't want to wait. After two cocktails we fell into the busy restaurant at the back of the place for some perfect sharing platters (ask for the pie) and a rather adventurous little bottle of gewürztraminer.

Who goes there?

Pretty much the locals, who have heard the bar does as many good pints as it does cocktails; a few City types searching for a bouquet in a glass; and some young turbo sloanes from the surrounding area, out for dinner with Mummy "some place nice".

How much did it cost?

Four cocktails came to £32, a set dinner menu of three courses (booked through toptable.com) cost £20 each, and the wine was £29 for the bottle.

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