

Zinfandel Grille

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When dining with my kids, I judge a restaurant by how well they accommodate children. Zinfandel Grille lets children eat free on Sundays, but that ended up a bonus. Their genuine friendliness toward my 2 1/2-year-old daughter was far more important than the free mini corn dogs and fries.

Like the service, the food was absolutely superb. My husband and I started with a Caesar Salad. Featuring sliced parmigiana cheese and homemade, fresh croutons, it was probably the best I've ever had. I then had their saffron risotto with prawns and I am pretty sure my taste buds died and went to heaven. There were seven huge prawns and, although I only got five since my daughter snagged two, (and ignored her corn dogs), every bite was scrumptious. My husband ordered one of their special pasta dishes, which featured fresh fettuccini, chicken and pancetta. My "veggie avoiding" hubby found it to be so delicious that he even ate most of the zucchini and squash! Although they were out of a few desserts, we were delighted to try their Crème Brulee. It was served with shortcake cookies and was a great close to an absolutely delightful evening.

After I gathered up the markers, coloring books and Dog-Dog, my daughter's stuffed pink pig, I left feeling not only full, but relaxed, happy and content as well. For many Moms and Dads, these are not common emotions after dining with youngsters, particularly when at an upscale establishment like Zinfandel Grille. But with their outstanding service, you'll be smiling the whole time, whether you're on a date for two or with the whole family.

— Elizabeth Morabito



