

# EVERY DAY IS A FOOD DAY

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## PROVENCE MARINASIDE JANUARY 12, 2015



For S's birthday, I took her to **Provence Marinaside** in Yaletown. It's located right by the water, but unfortunately we were seated near the back of the restaurant away from the view. The interior isn't too modern nor fancy, but it gives you a comfy French countryside feel. Lunch started off with **complementary bread**. There were two types. One was your typical baguette which was more tough, while the second was something similar to a focaccia bread.



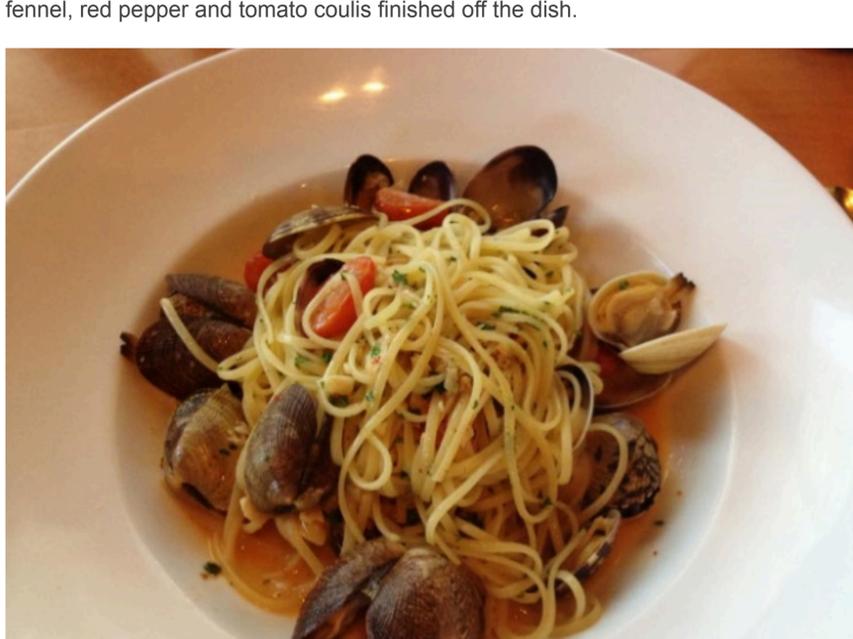
### Fresh Oyster

We started off with some **Fresh Oysters**. The server said there were two types. One was the Kushi, but I didn't catch on to what she said the second one was. It was served with a pear vinegar mignonette and fresh lemon. Very fresh, but I didn't really like the sauce it came with. I liked the sauces at Rodney's a lot more. They also don't have any deals for oysters, so it comes to \$2.50 per oyster, which is quite pricey.



### Panisse & Vegetables

S got the **Panisse & Vegetables**, which came to be a very interesting dish. Panisse is a dish from Provence and is pictured above as those rectangular fries. These were made with chick peas and seasoned with basil. They had a crispy exterior, but a very soft interior. Sort of like crispy potatoes. The dish also came with zucchini spaghetti, which S loved. A great alternative to your pasta full of carbs. Wilted leafy greens, fennel, red pepper and tomato coulis finished off the dish.



### Linguine Vongole

For myself, I got the **Linguine Vongole**, which is one of my all time favourite Italian pasta dishes. This featured clams, tomatoes, garlic, white wine, esepette pepper, parsley, and olive oil. They didn't cheap out on the amount of clams in the dish and they were all sweet and fresh. The pasta was cooked to al dente and I loved the sauce. It was perfect for dipping your bread.

Overall, we were quite satisfied with the food. I also thought the prices were quite reasonable for their lunch menu considering that it's located in Yaletown and is supposed to be a fine dining restaurant. Dinner however is supposed to be much pricier. Ambiance felt a little casual for a fine dining restaurant and service was just mediocre as well. As for parking, there is metered parking and parkades very close to the restaurant or the skytrain.

#### Pros:

- Food is above average
- Lunch menu prices are quite reasonable

#### Cons:

- Ambiance indoors is just average
- Dinner menu prices are not of as good value

**Price Range:** \$20-25

**1:** Terrible **2:** Poor **3:** Average **4:** Good **5:** Excellent

**Food:** 4

**Service:** 3

**Ambiance:** 3

**Parking:** 3

**Overall:** 3.5