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Hot Spot - Provence Marinaside

A few weeks ago we headed down to False Creek overlooking the seawall and the harbor; a location which has been part of the allure for the longtime dining favourite, Provence Marinaside, who recently celebrated 18 years. The goal was simply a light lunch and to check out the newly-renovated restaurant which includes a spectacular new wine wall. "This is the future of any wine you don't have to age," Owner & Chef Jean-Francis Quaglia says referring to the wall as we sample some of the 48 wines on tap. In addition they also offer over 100 wines by the glass and will open any bottle if you purchase three glasses.

During lunch, which included mouthwatering meatballs, spaghetti with sliced tomatoes and olive oil, warm goat cheese salad and a selection of simplistically superb deserts, Chef talked about the new look. "The wine wall has been getting great reaction from our regulars and new customers," he said, "and we're proud that we support local with the wine as well as the food." As for the new look, Chef Quaglia collaborated with local Interior Designer Trine Hendrikson. The result: the appearance of a restaurant look you'd come across travelling through parts of Europe and the popular patio only enhances this classic spot. With lunch complete, Chef was off to run the restaurant. The afternoon was capped off with a cold beer at the eleven seat Provence bar.

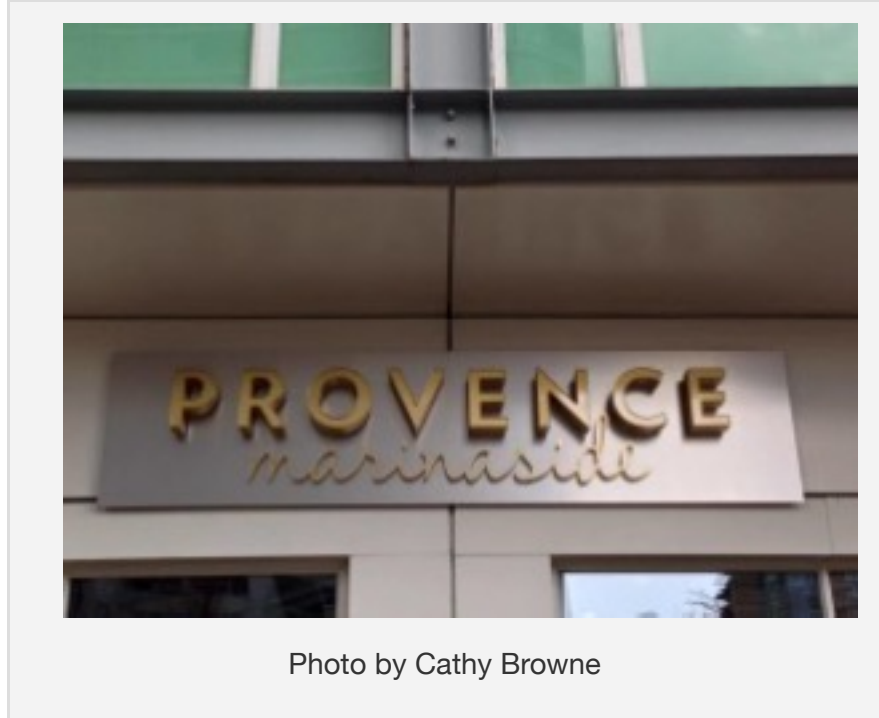


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