

Contrazi

Sukhumvit Soi 11, opposite the Grand President Hotel & Serviced Apts

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Situated in a charmingly converted building, Contrazi adds a touch of class and elegance to Sukhumvit Soi 11. The restaurant features a polished concrete floor, massive windows and a light and airy feel. There is a small bar near the entrance that is used for serving, a 'wine cellar' is found along one wall, and a wood-fired pizza oven and open kitchen occupy the rear of the restaurant. The furnishings include both tables and sofas, making it ideal for groups or couples interested in a romantic dining. There is also a terrace out front for those who enjoy the outdoors or who want to smoke while dining. Although Contrazi is elegant, it is suitable for casual dining and the casual lifestyle prevalent in Bangkok.



Contrazi serves Italian food, but with a twist. "Our restaurant is a place where tradition meets innovation," the proprietor told us. After sampling several dishes, we decided the marriage of old and new was a unique and delicious edition to the Bangkok dining scene.

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed everything, but our favorite dish of the evening was a B320 *Organic Salad with Grilled Portabella Mushrooms, Gorgonzola and Walnut*



Vinaigrette. The mushrooms were superbly grilled and possessed a rich and meaty flavor that moved this salad from the ordinary to the extraordinary. My wife loves lamb shank and she was ecstatic over the B650 *Braised Lamb Shank on a Truffle Risotto with Garlic Infused Lamb Stock Reduction*. Among the pastas, two dishes stood out. The B360 *Lobster and Asparagus Ravioli with Truffle Oil Essence* was a wonderful example of a blending of tradition and innovation. It was the *Strozza Pretti with Buffalo Mozzarella and Grilled Eggplant*, however, that really had us talking. The pasta was homemade and

perfectly cooked and the sauce had a bit of chili in it: a great dish and one that Thais should really enjoy.

Contrazi is open for both lunch and dinner. At lunch there is a great set menu available at B350++ that includes a starter, soup of the day, main course and tea or coffee. Pizza or pasta is also popular with the lunch crowd and there are large selections of each available. For special events and parties there is a room on the second floor of the restaurant.

Contrazi has an excellent wine list with selections from around the world and numerous choices in all price categories. If you bring your own wine, the corkage charge is B400. The service at Contrazi is warm and friendly.

If you are looking for imaginative and well-prepared Italian food, Contrazi should be high on your list of places to go. It is elegant and chic, but also down to earth. This is a great place for a romantic get together or casual dining for a crowd. We recommend it highly.

