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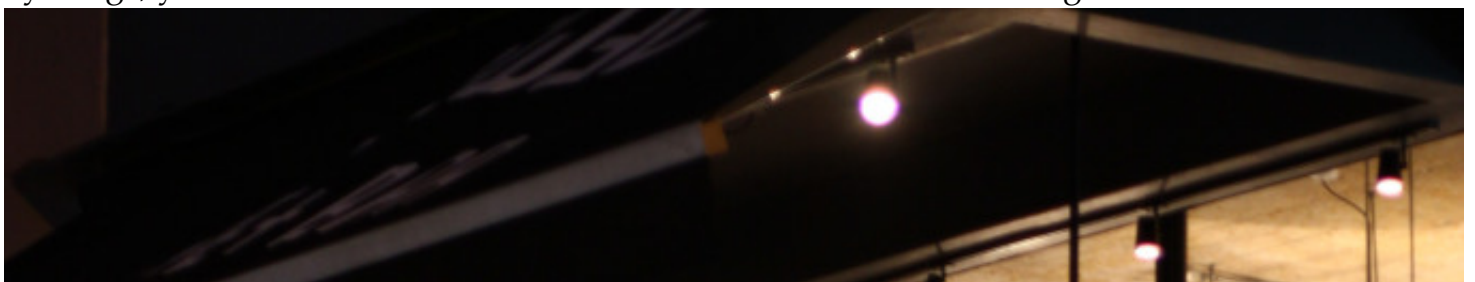
## Food Review: Jewel Café & Bar

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**The Place** Tucked along the sleepy Rangoon road not far from **Ng Ah Sio Bak Kuk Teh**, (<https://therantingpanda.wordpress.com/2013/03/31/food-review-ng-ah-sio-pork-ribs-soup-eating-house/>). **Jewel Cafe** is the latest new comer to this estate. This is the second outlet after its branch at Shenton Way, with a much bigger seating capacity. Unlike its sister outlet in Shenton Way, this outlet also double up as a casual bar which offers its own in-house designed cocktails as well as serving wine and beer other than coffee. I also like the fact that this cafe is located on the city fringe, yet it feels a little out of the world unlike some other cafes right smack in town.





As a fan of industrial chic design, I was drawn to the cafe the moment I stepped in. A recommendation from tRP is to request for a table at the mezzanine level if possible, which feels more cosy and comfy with the sofa seats.







**The Food** If not for the fact that it was dinner time, I would be tempted to order some serious cold drip coffee. Instead, I settled for the less damaging **Ice Mocha** (\$7.50) which was satisfying enough for the late night.





For **starter**, we were recommend the **French Onion Soup** (\$8) which I was so in love with. The beef broth soup has a thick layer of cheese coated on it, while what lies beneath is generous servings of bread cubes and of course, melted onions. It is a very appetising way to kick off our dinner and we strongly recommend it.



For **mains**, my penchant for burgers has led to an unsurprising choice – the **OMG! burger** (\$20). The burger is so thick that I run into some difficulty cutting it nicely and it pretty much ended up in a mess on my plate. Nevertheless, the ingredients are definitely as generous as it looks in the picture – sunny side up egg, strips of bacon, luncheon meat, beef patty, fries and salad. The taste and quality is incomparable to specialised gourmet burger joints such as **Omakase Burger** (<https://therantingpanda.wordpress.com/2013/01/03/food-review-omakase-burger/>), but definitely passable for a cafe standard.



In comparison, the **Prawn tossed in crustacean oil and capellini** (\$22) is slightly disappointing. I probably prefer a much stronger flavour pasta version such as the carbonara and this dish tasted a little too bland for me. The saving grace of the dish is the generous serving of the prawns which is thankfully very fresh as well.





**Rants** At Jewel, tRP stopped ranting. No kidding.

**Will I return again?** As a cafe junkie, it is always welcoming to learn of new cafes and Jewel Cafe happens to be one of those which makes me feel at home. Given that it is also very near to where I live, I have no excuse not to be back.



**TheRantingPanda says:**

**Taste bud:** 3.5/5

**Hole in the pocket:** 3.5/5

**Ambience:** 4/5

**Overall Experience:** 4/5

**Jewel Café & Bar**

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