

Does your nose know?



Though it used to be well and truly off the beaten track, these days Abu Dhabi Golf Club is downright convenient for people living both on and off the mainland, so we thought it was high time to check out their superb steakhouse The Grille.

Eager for something a little different, we went along to a very special dining experience, a regular monthly event in which the best from the vineyards of one particular country are paired with dishes designed to bring out the most in the beverages.

Our visit took us on a tour of the bottles of the house of Torres in Spain. The idea is for diners to sample six different styles of the popular libation without knowing its origin, variety or vintage. Paired with a five course menu, each selection complements the food, bringing out the flavour in both.

What makes this event different from others of its ilk is the element of competition – using clues provided by the host plus their own expert noses and palates, teams of diners must determine the country where the grapes are grown and cultivated. With pride and prizes on the line, this event promises to be a fun one.

We thought so, anyway – the way our most competitive team member was ready to argue his elimination with an unsympathetic quiz master was enough to make us think there were millions of dirhams on the line rather than a few simple vouchers and bottles to enjoy at home.

Even if you're not the most snobby aficionado on your table, the food on offer at The Grille is reason enough to go along. We were particularly impressed by the steaks and starters but really couldn't find fault with anything.

Though it might not be for everybody, this certainly is a fun way to learn something new, enjoy an expert meal and try a variety of flavours you might not have encountered before.

***Laura Fulton***

**What?** Dinner quiz

**Where:** The Grille, Abu Dhabi Golf Club

**Cost:** AED 275 per person (member discounts apply)

**We say:** A great way to enjoy a fantastic set menu – and a lighter take on a beverage some connoisseurs love to take way too seriously

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