

Night Moves

This month, the *Penthouse* crew choose their all-time favourite restaurants.

GILLIAN HYSLOP (Associate Editor) on **DARUMA** Holiday Inn, Snell Parade, Durban. Tel: (031) 37-1321. For me, a trip to Durban is not complete without a visit to Daruma, a cool sanctuary away from the beachfront chaos. Totally authentic, Daruma serves the most exquisitely presented fare I've ever seen, giving the utmost care to the combination of colours, textures, and shapes. The sublime, delicate taste of *sushi*, an offering of raw fish accompanied by soy sauce for dipping, a whisper of *wasabi* (Japanese horseradish) and pickled ginger, must rate as my favourite dish. But with *tempura*, *sukiyaki* and *shabu-shabu* also to tempt, it makes the choice difficult. Whatever it is, though, every Daruma meal has been thoroughly memorable.



Above: the feast at Daruma is sublime in taste and presentation.

Hollywood feel - congenial and glamorous. It encourages conversation, sophisticated romance, seduction or business talk. The food's consistently good, service terrific and in years of going there, I've never left feeling anything less than pampered, convinced that God's in His/Her heaven and all's well with the world.

WIN A *Penthouse* reader and his partner will win a sumptuous dinner at La Perla.



CHRIS PRIOR on **LEIPOLDT'S** 94 Juta Street, Braamfontein. Tel: (011) 339-2765.

Whenever I have an overseas guest I use this as an excuse to make a pig of myself at Leipoldt's. Such is my commitment to this restaurant's superb cuisine, that I'll starve myself on the day. By the time I arrive, bib already strapped around my neck,

the waiters have to keep me under control until a polite interval has passed. Then I attack the various tables groaning under the weight of stupendous foods, all strictly South African. I stagger out hours later, with a wheelbarrow to carry my stomach.

WIN A *Penthouse* reader will win dinner for two at Leipoldt's, including a bottle of wine.

CHARLES BOFFARD (Editor) on **ROZENHOF** 18 Kloof Street, Gardens, Cape Town. Tel: (021) 24-1968. My favourite restaurant? Hmm... In Jo'burg, there's the Fishmonger and Daruma, but my enduring favourite's in Cape Town. Rozenhof's consistent superiority has long been acknowledged. It's very South African, set in a historic 19th century townhouse with traditional bergie parking attendants outside and local art on the walls inside. Robert Mulder changes his imaginative menu seasonally. All his seafood is great (try the linefish with coriander dressing), but the best meal I've had was the duck in orange brandy sauce. Around R75 a head, excluding wine.

PNINA FENSTER on **LA PERLA** Beach Road, Sea Point, Cape Town. Tel: (021) 434-2471.

Capetonians are so vehement about their food that singling out one restaurant can be fatal. Given the choice though, I'd opt for La Perla. It has that old fashioned



Never mind Perlé's picture. Read the reviews.

few. Preparation is fabulous. To me, there's no place better to relax - especially with deep fried haloumi cheese and grapefruit schnapps.

WALTER BAKKER (Art Director) on **MARY-ANN'S WHOLE FOOD EMPORIUM**

The Colony, Jan Smuts Avenue, Craighall Park, Johannesburg. Tel: (011) 442-3836. Impress your lady with your sensitivity. Mary-Ann's, the most PC place in town, serves fresh fruit and vegetable juices, homebaked breads, innovative soups and salads, and hot and cold vegetable dishes. 'What do you eat?' is oft asked of vegetarians. Dining at Mary-Ann's shows that veggies are not just meant as a side dish to a dead animal. At ± R30 a throw, it's a cheap way to show you really care.

WIN A *Penthouse* reader will win a dinner for two at Mary-Ann's Whole Food Emporium.

HOW TO WIN

To win dinner for two at the restaurant of your choice, write your preference with your name, address and phone number on a postcard and send it to: *Penthouse* Night Moves Competition, PO Box 650663, Benmore 2010, by 15 January 1996.

Unless otherwise specified, the prizes are valid mid-week and don't include alcohol which will be for the winner's own account. ☐

