

Waiter: There's a bug in my wine

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Went to Ocean Prime, at the corner of Cedar Springs and Pearl, Friday night for dinner with a friend from Virginia.

Dave, our server, was amazing. He answered all our questions and took great care of us.

My friend ordered the Black Orchid cocktail (\$12). It's made with Belvedere Black Raspberry Vodka, St. Germaine Elderflower Liqueur, Hand-squeezed Lemon, & White Cranberry Juice. It's shaken and served tableside, and it's just beautiful to look at.

I ordered oysters (\$16), which were not from the Gulf Coast and such a disappointment. Not that there was anything wrong with them. They just weren't the plump, sweet oysters I grew up eating.

My friend had the shrimp cocktail (\$16), which is served in a dish over dry ice, making for a very dramatic presentation.

I ordered a glass of Chardonnay. It was great, until a 6-legged creature decided to join me in the libation. Dave quickly spirited the glass away, explaining that Dallas can be "buggy" this time of year. I so understand.

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My friend had the rib eye (\$44) and I had the 8 oz. filet (\$35). Both were cooked to perfection and mine was perfectly, perfectly seasoned.

We tried the truffle oil mac 'n cheese. I could have eaten another bowl of it. My friend said "Oh, my good lord. This is the best thing I've ever tasted." Ditto.

We finished the meal with Blueberry Cheesecake (\$9), creme brulee (\$8) and two cups of the French Press coffee (\$5 each). Loved the light, grainy texture of the cheesecake, which Dave said came from Ricotta cheese. Sublime.

I try to find a new restaurant when I come to town, but I'm thinking Ocean Prime is going to become one of my regular haunts. Bravo!