Autre Chose really is something else

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Harvard Square has always been a melting pot of many varied cultures. The area is populated with multitudes of students, of domestic and foreign origin. Also coexisting are many different restaurants catering to tastes tame and exotic. One of these restaurants is called Autre Chose. The translation from French literally means "other things" and it is truly something else.

Autre Chose is located on Mass Ave. several blocks beyond Central Square, but not in the buier section of Harvard Square. It is easily reached by the Number 1 bus (the bus to Harvard Station). The restaurant specializes in French provincial cuisine. The building is a family run organization that takes care of its patrons as if they were members of their own family. It was homosexual a relative it had not seen in years.

The menu is varied but always includes chicken, seafood (sometimes shellfish, but always a fish entree), and beef. Nightly specials add to the variety. The wine list is not very extensive, but there are certainly several appropriate wines for each dish.

I had the fortune to sample some of the specialties of the house for that evening. One of them was the soup du jour (cream of carrot soup). Another was their Chicken Marsala (and the Veal Marsala which I tasted for comparison) started with an extraordinarily tender cutlet- so tender that it almost need not be chewed. This was topped with chile and spices and braised in Marsala wine. The flavor and aroma make eating them an experience that you would like to prolong for a long time.

Veal Diane (veau a la Diane as it reads on the menu) is a cutlet cooked until tender, and served with a creamy mushroom sauce. The characteristics and quality of this dish do justice to the former. It seems that there is no real specialty of the house since they all seem to have spacial results.

As with many good restaurants, there is often a major drawback associated with its quality: crowds. It is not uncommon to experience a 30 to 45 minute wait. It is therefore advisable to make a reservation first.

Grading Autre Chose on a scale of 1-5:

Food: 5

*A-First Class trip to Culinary Nirvana.*

Price: 4

A complete meal including wine, dessert and coffee can be had for $15 per person. For the food and service received it is very reasonable. I will say that on a limited budget one must be sure to enjoy Autre Chose in moderation.

Service: 5

The alert and attentive staff provides the utmost in courteous service.

Atmosphere: At the time of this review the restaurant was in the midst of a remodeling operation. I cannot judge the restaurant fairly based on what I saw.

Overall: 4.5

"A magnificent restaurant in our own backyard."

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Auditions for MIT Dramashop's IAP production of *The Misanthrope* by Moliere will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30pm in Burton Dining Hall. Performances will be held at the Loeb Theatre on Jan. 31 to Feb. 3. Six units of elective credit are available to students doing acting or technical work for the production. For more information, call the Drama Office at 253-4456.

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