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Dining in Century City

Tucked away in the Westfield Century City shopping center is a light and airy retreat sporting wooden archways and hard-wood floors. Located near the AMC theaters, Harpers is the perfect eatery to hit before, or after, seeing a flick. The bright and energetic atmosphere mixes a traditional indoor feel with a contemporary outdoor patio.

The modestly priced menu boasts a variety of scrumptious seafood: Grilled Salmon, Swordfish, Lake Superior White Fish, and more. The catch is so fresh that you'll swear you're just a few steps from the Santa Monica pier. For pasta lovers, Harpers offers handmade dishes such as Linguine Posillipo, Fettuccine Alfredo, and Risotto al Scampi

(Italian rice, sautéed jumbo shrimps in a light spicy white wine sauce).

For manly men (and the women who love them) there is the juicy Grilled New York Steak (with potato, of course), Grilled Veal Porterhouse, and the Fresh Grilled Pork Chop (with fresh apple sauce, yum!). For those looking for a light meal, there is a selection of sandwiches, salads, and tasty appetizers.

The specialty dishes include Insalata Di Mare (jumbo shrimps, sea scallops, clams, mussels, squid, roasted peppers, kalamata olives, all toasted in olive oil lemon herb dressing with tomatoes and avocados) and Harper's famous cheeseburger (1/2 pound fresh ground chuck, cheese, french fries, lettuce, tomato, and onion).

If you're planning to catch the new Ben Stiller movie at the AMC theaters, it wouldn't hurt to have a few drinks first. Harpers has an amazing wine list with Napa Valley written all over it, literally. Choose from various bottles of Chardonnay, Cab-

ernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Blend, Merlot, and Pinot Noir; their grape selection will turn you sideways.

Last, but not least, are the signature pizzas which sound like high-end entrees from Sicily: the Margherita, Quattro Stagioni, Boscaiola (tomato sauce, wild mushrooms, chicken, mozzarella cheese), and the mouth-watering Calzone. These

fancy names might sound pricey, but the dishes are very reasonable and may end up costing you less than a movie, popcorn, and drink.

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