

A Day Filled with Surprise

Description

It was a day filled with surprises. Picked out from the bucket wish list was â??The Pasta Bowl Companyâ?? which became the venue for our family outing â?? a mini reunion of sorts since son came down from Jaipur (hostel) and we two from the emerald islands (Andamans).



Going by standard yardstick of â??white wine during daytimeâ? I rummaged through the wine list and almost homed on to a Chardonnay. But that was not to be (being out of stock).

Well, it was a Rose wine which was seeking us that day (yes, they say a good wine too seeks to be savoured and appreciated).

We ordered the Robert Mondavi “Woodbridge Zinfandel Rose” from Lodi wine region, California. It was my first tryst with a Zinfandel Rose and the first sip told me that it’s going to be memorable.

Again, the textbook pairings of pasta and pizza with the Rose wine worked well for us. The restaurant rightfully prides in serving Italian fare with fresh and light ingredients and these paired wonderfully with the wine.

But the surprise was in the dessert. Best is saved for last as goes the saying.

Now, the thumb rule is that “wine should be sweeter than the dessert”. So I was not expecting the wine to pair in anyway with the “Blueberry Cheese cake” which we had ordered. No harm in trying though (the vino in me whispered) “and I agreed without much resistance.



And as they say â?? the world of wines us full of surprises. A sip of the Zinfandel Rose with the cake paired exceptionally well resulting in a pleasurable culinary sensation.

The family outing with Zinfandel Rose with succulent Italian fare and the BBC cake indeed became a memorable one and has since got etched in the wine memory.

