



### Le Marron

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**French. 12/F, Ying Kong Mansion, 2-6 Yee Wo St.,  
Causeway Bay, 2881-6662**

Sequestered in a commercial building on busy Hennessy Road, this cozy private kitchen presents quite the French surprise when you reach its demurely decorated doors.

Inside, the tables are intimately strewn, some in private rooms, others tactfully separated by rich brown curtains. It's great for cheering up a grouchy friend, especially when the friendly staff bustle over and set you up with warm bread and pate. We then partook of a delicious pan-fried pate with caramelized apple and a crab and avocado salad. Suspiciously mushy and patted into a little fistule, it was a strange concoction whose accompanying sauce was too mild to mask the off-putting fishy taste. Our original choices of Angus ribeye and rack of lamb were out of stock, so we settled for honey glazed duck breast and grilled skate wing. These arrived swathed in tasty sauces but both meats were a little dry. Desserts included a range from kiwi fruit sorbet to cherry pudding, and we chose the crème brulee and a rather bland, eggy chocolate souffle. The intimate atmosphere and tasteful décor almost forgive the food, but the menu changes monthly so we would give it another try. A good place for couples and dates. Open 6pm-late. Reservations required. \$\$\$