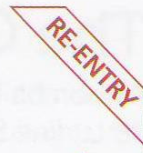


Glenella

56 Govett's Leap Road, Blackheath

Tel 4787 8352 Map 11

Contemporary



Score 14/20

When your simple, elegant dining room features the world's longest Chesterfield sofa – all eight metres of it – you have to work pretty hard to get everyone back to the table. But the new team at this Blue Mountains institution does just that with a menu that's ambitious without being too tricky, aided by spot-on, understated service. The experience is full of special gestures, such as superb complimentary bread, served with hand-churned, truffle-infused butter. Start with rustic, house-made white pudding slices sitting in perfect harmony with celeriac mash, shiitake mushrooms and thyme butter. For mains, a delicate hapuka fillet luxuriates in an exquisite saffron and anise broth, with chorizo and tomato. A duo of rabbit excels – moist confit leg nestles beside divine herb-crusted fillet with rich caponata accompaniment. Desserts are top drawer too. The beautifully light, flowery aroma of lemon and lavender panna cotta was marred only by its slightly too-thick texture, while passionfruit curd tart has knockout pastry and fits hand-in-glove with toasted coconut ice-cream.

Hours Lunch Sat–Sun 11.30am–2.30pm;
Dinner Thurs–Sun 6–9pm

Bill E \$16 **M** \$32 **D** \$15

Cards AE (+3%) V MC Eftpos

Wine Nice selection of NSW drops on a well-chosen Australasian-dominated list; 13 by the glass; BYO (corkage \$10 a bottle)

Chef David Smith

Owners Gareth McAuliffe & Katherine Strong

Seats 70; outdoor seating; bar

Child friendly Kids' meals; highchairs; crayons

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And...pre-dinner drinks beside the roaring log fire