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Alexander's at the Timber Cove Inn

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One of the great things about staying in a hotel in the middle of nowhere is the ability to stay in one place for a little while without having to drive or walk very far. Timber Cove Inn offers a restaurant right on the property, Alexander's, and all we had to do for dinner was to walk down a flight of stairs and we were there.

For our dinner, I started out with a glass of [Cline Cellars](#) Syrah and hubs got a glass of [Rodney Strong](#) Pinot Noir.



We shared the hazelnut crusted brie with a fall fruit compote, the fruits sweet and spiciness complementing the buttery brie which had a crunchy, nutty coating.

For my entree I ordered mahi mahi with creamy coconut rice, caramelized pineapple, and vegetable slaw. The photo is a bit blurry as the restaurant had a lovely, candlelit glow.

Caramelized pineapple where have you been all my life? It was so sweet and just popped full of flavor in my mouth. The meatiness of the fish worked really well with the pineapple, and what can you say about creamy coconut rice except for, yum?



Hubs ordered cioppino which came with made to order garlic bread.

The light, spicy tomato broth housed perfectly cooked prawns, mussels, and clams which tasted like they were just out of the sea. Thick cut



buttery, garlicky bread, dipped into the broth provided just the right amount of heft to this dish. We were both very happy with our choices.



We were quite full from the meal, but when we saw chocolate soup on the menu, we had to have it.



Velvety, warm chocolate mixed with incredibly fresh berries, the kind that you can smell from several feet away. They tasted like they had just been picked.

We retired to our room shortly after dinner and got to watch a bonfire that was down near the ocean. It smelled so incredible and provided the perfect glow to the surrounding area.



The next morning, we planned on skipping breakfast at the inn so that we could explore and then head to Sonoma for some wine tasting. But our stomachs had other plans, and boy am I glad! Breakfast at the Timber Cove Inn is just as gorgeous as dinner. We sat in the same, ocean facing table and started out with a cappuccino and a latte. I ordered the Coastal Continental breakfast which included fresh fruit, half of a buttery croissant, a wedge of brie cheese, and a couple of miniature cranberry scones.

Hubs ordered the Eggs Stewart, basically Eggs Benedict with smoked salmon instead of Canadian bacon.



This ended up being one of the best breakfasts we have ever had. We sort of shared both plates so that we had equal portions of runny, bright yellow egg mixed with Hollandaise over melt like butter smoky salmon with fruit and cheese. The service for both meals was friendly and outstanding, in fact everyone in the area was just very friendly and welcoming. Prices are very reasonable, especially after you have been dining in San Francisco for a few days, and all of the food was just fresh, well prepared, and downright good.



Thank you, Timber Cove Inn and Alexander's for a fantastic retreat! We will be back, hopefully with friends or family. This place is too good not to share.

edited to add: Hubs was telling his sister about our trip over the phone, explaining how far out we had to go to get to Timber Cove. She knew EXACTLY where it was because they got engaged there! What are the odds? 😊 Go here, its very special.

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