



Majors Lane Restaurant Cafe

64 Majors Lane, Lovedale
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Contemporary

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Score 13.5/20

The Hunter's dining future is in good hands thanks to homegrown talents such as Ben Sales. This easygoing cafe and cellar door is an impressive showcase for his passionate advocacy of local produce. He smokes meats and keeps all-comers content with filling breakfasts, flavoursome lunches and a deftly constructed international bistro menu for dinner. By day, linger in the alfresco courtyard between the pinot-coloured water features, soaking up service as bright as the sunshine. Rustic, chunky rabbit terrine is soulfully satisfying with pickled vegies. But lemon-infused olive oil was too strident in slightly overcooked saffron linguine with prawns and fresh peas. Thyme-scented frittata forms a plinth for full-flavoured lamb rump with sweet oven-roasted tomatoes. Perfectly crisp confit duck stars in a light cassoulet with white beans, sausage and house-made speck, while rhubarb crème brûlée is a fine contrast of tart and creamy.

Hours Breakfast Thurs–Mon 8–11.30am; Lunch Thurs–Mon 11.30am–5pm; Dinner Fri–Sun from 6pm

Bill E \$12–\$16 M \$27 D \$7–\$10

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Wine Small, low-priced mix of house (at cellar-door price) and locals; 10 by the glass

Chef Benjamin Sales

Owners Benjamin Sales & Debbie Jenkins

Seats 90; wheelchair access; outdoor seats

Child friendly Kids' menu; high chairs; colouring-in pencils

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And...smokehouse bacon for sale at the cellar door