

## Community Kitchen

Some days we don't want fancy. We don't want Voss at the table and a sommelier fluttering at our elbow. (Admittedly, it's not often, but it does happen.) And when these moods strike we need a compromise between a dining experience and dialing 1-800-GET-ME-PIZZA-NOW.

So when we're feeling all simple-chic, we stroll over to the new **Niko's Bistro** in Kensington. Here, we scratch our European-cuisine itch without slipping on our haute couture. Chef and owner **Niko Miletic** makes us feel right at home with a straightforward menu inspired by the old country.

We went straight for the **Cannelloni** (\$11) wrapped in homemade crepes and smothered in tomato sauce. It was tough call, because the **Spaghettini Frutti de Mare** (\$13) at the next table looked rather inviting. Our lunching companion only gave us a sample of the **Chicken with Prosciutto and Fresh Steamed Vegetables** (\$18), but the salty goodness is a good indicator that we'll probably order it next time around.

Dining out in the neighbourhood will be easier knowing we can keep our chinos on and our ponytails in. Thankfully someone understands that home cooking doesn't have to mean eating on the couch.

### **Niko's Bistro**

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