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It had been years since my journalist pal Margaret Kemp and I had broken bread so we rolled the dice on the 15-day old **Racines des Prés** and they came up seven!



On the site of a former undistinguished café, chef Alexandre Navarro has brought his Michelin star training ([Le Violin d'Ingres](#), [La Grande Cascade](#)) to this cozy 46 seat space with a menu that is as beautiful to look at as it is to eat.

His suppliers, including fromager [Martine du Bois](#), boulanger [DuPain](#) and organic winemakers, are first-rate.



The staff is young, knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Samuel, our English sommelier served Margaret a 2015 Beaujolais Blanc from [Damien Coquelot](#) to accompany her ravioles de champignons et noisettes in a velvet crab emulsion.



I was poured Bernadot's 2014 Haute Cote de Beaune for escabèche de moules et seiches (mussels and cuttlefish) with chick peas.

Margaret continued with the Beaujolais blanc for her delicate cabillaud with peas, kale and white asparagus in caper butter.



The tender onglet de veau with roasted potatoes in l'ail **des** ours and young greens was superb with a red from the Savoie-2013 Mondeuse from Antoine Petitprez.

From Martine du Bois-aged gouda, chevre, beaufort



Margaret's Creme onctuese au chocolat was surprisingly light but oh so good and I loved my soupe de fracas gariguettes, series de caret , menthe et oxalys-light and refreshing.

I'll be back soon with friends to explore more of Chef Navarro's cuisine.

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