

Royal Mile bar streets ahead of competition

WHISKI offers taste of the good life in a cosy atmosphere

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AS one of the most historic streets in the world The Royal Mile has more than a few places to get a bite to eat in.

It's a competitive market, but WHISKI Bar and Restaurant has been making a name for itself for more than three years with a string of awards.

Stepping inside you see whisky canisters lining the walls like old encyclopedias while a myriad of black-and-white photographs and clocks give a cosy, lived-in atmosphere.

In case you forget your bearings, 'Edinburgh' is usefully arched in gold letters above the doorway.

Boasting more than 270 malt whiskies the bar is armed with Scottish warmth and tradition. On a cold November night thankfully the food menu is too.

My piping hot homemade stilton and broccoli soup is a comforting starter. The creamy richness of the cheese hits every taste-bud while the toasted granary bread and butter are a solid accompaniment.

A melted goat's cheese starter is too big – and tasty – not to be shared. The sweet mango chutney cuts through the warm soft cheese beautifully with a bed of toast adding a satisfying crunch.

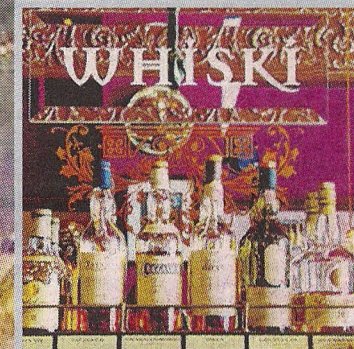
My steak and ale pie is a good example of the fresh Scottish produce which WHISKI prides itself on.

Loaded with vegetables, rich ale gravy and plenty of beef, it takes time to clear the plate but the effort is worth it.

As something of a haggis connoisseur, my partner was mightily impressed with the offering served. Placed on a tower of creamy turnip and potato mash the presentation is good but the taste tops it. With just enough onion to add a sweet twist the bar's creamy WHISKI sauce completely seals the deal.

Sticking with traditional and comforting food we opt to share a sticky toffee pudding for dessert.

Bathing in a soup of freshly made, warm, buttery sauce, with a nose of vanilla ice cream, it's a



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■ **TRADITIONAL:** The WHISKI Bar, which offers more than 270 malt whiskies, has been making a name for itself with a menu based on fresh Scottish produce