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**LOCAL INDIAN RESTAURANT SETS THE FRUIT LOOSE!**

Spritzers are the new lagers according to Indian restaurant, the Curry Lounge, which is the first in the Midlands to offer a range of fruit-flavoured wines that perfectly complement Indian cuisine.

A range of sweet, fortified wines have specifically been produced by Taylor & Shroff in the Carr Taylor vineyards in Hastings to provide a light, refreshing alternative to beer.

And Nottingham-based Curry Lounge is one of the first Indian restaurants to offer these unique wines, followed by the sister restaurant of Tamarind in London, Imli.

The high alcohol content and low acidity in the wines help to cleanse the palate, and thus enable diners to taste the numerous different flavours and ingredients in the Indian and Punjabi dishes that the Curry Lounge has on its menu.

Available in Ginger, Cherry, Apricot, Classic Red and White (which has a hint of lychee), each wine works particularly well when mixed with soda over ice.

Complimentary tastings will be held during the Indian wine launch on September 16 and is part of a week of events at the Curry Lounge to coincide with the Nottingham Food Festival. To book a table, call 0115 941 8844 or visit [www.currylounge.co.uk](http://www.currylounge.co.uk) to make a reservation.

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**About the Curry Lounge:**

Promising traditional Indian and Punjabi cuisine freshly cooked to order, The Curry Lounge has been praised by the toptable Top 100 Dining Awards 2009 as one of the top 10 restaurants that offers the best value meals when dining out in the UK.

Having opened the first Curry Lounge restaurant in Nottingham in 2007, the brand has gone from strength-to-strength since its appearance on Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares series.

Restaurant owner Arfan Razak (better known as Raz) is the brainchild behind Curry Lounge Ltd, and has set up a franchise venture that reaches right across the globe. It's this entrepreneurship that got Raz noticed when he came in the top five of the Midlands Business Awards' Entrepreneur of the Year category in 2008.

The Curry Lounge has also been voted Best Indian Restaurant East Midlands 2008 by the Customer Excellence Awards in recognition for the quality of the food, service and authenticity.

Located in Nottingham's city centre, The Curry Lounge caters for dinner, corporate events and special occasions. Visit [www.currylounge.co.uk](http://www.currylounge.co.uk) for more information.

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