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Vinod & Shikha Kapoor are the owners of the Bombay Club in Harvard Sq. They started off as owners of a small basement restaurant in Back Bay called Kebab-N-Kurry in 1980. After winning the Best of Boston in the early 80's they decided to expand their business. They opened another Kebab-N-Kurry in Providence, R.I. After several years of success in the business of Indian Cuisine, they opened Bombay Club in 1991. This was a change from the traditional Indian restaurant. They decided that the Indian Restaurant Industry needed a more upscale dining facility. They proved that when they opened the 126 seat, well decorated, and operated Bombay Club.

Vinod Kapoor's experience is closer to the traditional immigrant experience, but he owes his success more to the Indian virtues of thrift, industry, and family than he does to the efficacy of the American free enterprise system.

Back in 1981 when he wanted to open his first restaurant, he was turned down by three banks. Without the support of a brother-in-law who loaned him the \$30,000 he needed to buy the 40-seat Kebab-N-Kurry, in Back Bay, he might still be a store manager for Fayva Shoes.

Instead, he and his wife, Shikha, turned the dying restaurant around, paid off the loan in two years, went on to open a second Kebab-N-Kurry near Brown University, in Providence, and eventually the 126 seat Bombay Club in Harvard Square and the Bombay Club takeout at the Burlington Mall. In the five years since it opened, Bombay Club has earned a national reputation for excellence, won a slew of awards, and has become the Indian restaurant of choice for celebrities like Robert Plant and Ravi Shankar when they're in town - not to forget the Indian stars who come to visit their children at Harvard and dine in the kind of relaxed anonymity that would be impossible in Bombay.

There are many reasons why Vinod, now 46, and Shikha, 43, are successful. It wasn't just the loan. They worked hard. Vinod ran the restaurant while Shikha kept her job as a bank teller and worked in the restaurant at night. They created a welcoming ambiance for the largely student clientele, upgraded the quality of the food, and eschewed preservatives, additives, and artificial colorings. Because they couldn't get the spices they wanted in Boston at that time, once a month they rented a station wagon, got up before dawn, drove to New York, loaded up with spices from India, and then drove back to Boston in time to open at night. They kept the spices in sealed plastic bags and ground what they needed fresh every day.

Their attention to detail is remarkable. An example: Scarcely a reviewer visits Bombay Club without mentioning the selection and quality of its breads.

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C a t e r i n g E v e n t s

Bombay Club is proud to offer an extensive menu selection for catering which goes beyond the menu we offer at our restaurants.

Bombay Club will cater a spectacular tandoori barbecue any time of year for corporate or private parties of 25 to 2500 people. In catering, we offer many items beyond our restaurants menu and on our website, including all kinds of regional Indian items.

All our chefs need is outdoor space or an open garage to set up the tandoor oven.

From grinding our own spices to making yogurt and cheese, we prepare everything from scratch. Like the food in our restaurants (Bombay Club in Cambridge and Kebab-N-Kurry in Boston), we do not use packaged or processed ingredients for our tandoori barbecue.

For Information & Ordering:
(617) 661-8100

Hotel Affiliations:

The following is a list of hotels that Bombay Club exclusively provides Indian food to:

Biltmore Hotel (Providence)
11 Dorance Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 421-0700

Westin Hotel (Waltham)
70 Third Avenue
Waltham, MA 02451
(781) 290-5600

Newton Marriott
2345 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02466
(617) 969-1000

Wyndham Hotel (Billerica)
270 Concord Road
Billerica, MA 01821
(978) 670-7500

Dedham Hilton
25 Allied Drive
Dedham, MA 02026
(781) 329-7900

Glen Ellen Country Club
(Millis)
84 Orchard Street
Millis, MA 02054
(508) 376-2978

Wyndham Hotel (Boston)
89 Broad Street
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 556-0006

Sheraton Framingham
1657 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01701
(508) 879-7200

Charles Hotel (Cambridge)
One Bennett Street
Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 864-1200

Wyndham Hotel (Andover)
123 Old River Road
Andover, MA 01810
(978) 975-3600

Hyatt Regency (Cambridge)
575 Memorial Drive
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 492-1234

Boston Marriott Copley Place
110 Huntington, MA 02116
(617) 236-5800

Sheraton Colonial Hotel
(Wakefield)
One Audubon Road
Wakefield, MA
(781) 245-9300

Fairmont Copley Plaza
(Boston)
138 Saint James Avenue
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 267-5300



R e v i e w s

Hit of the Week - "The peshawari nan at The Bombay Club is so luscious, so aromatic, and so good that we often risk driving around and around Harvard Square in search of a parking space just to have one bite. We even dream of it. Filled with a combination of almonds, cashews, raisins, and coconut, peshawari nan is dreamy: perfect for a snack, a light lunch or a side dish with dinner."

Best of Boston 1999 - Indian food has arrived in this country, and Bombay Club stands out as a leader among its competitors in the greater Boston area.

The proud recipient of several awards for many accomplishments, including the coveted "Best of Boston" from 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000, this restaurant is especially known for its excellent tandoori fare, the assortment of oven-fresh breads and the melt-in-your-mouth kababs, including Reshmi, Barra and Seekh kebabs. Discover specials that are as pleasing to the eye as to the palate. Bombay Club has also received a special "Best Value" award for its daily luncheon buffet: a sumptuous spread at a great price, Monday through Friday, and a more lavish display on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, for patrons who enjoy more ethnic food, there is also an authentic South Indian special "Dosa" for lunch. Enjoy any meal while listening to classical and semi-classical Indian music.

The restaurant's decor and ambience is very subtle. Located on the second floor of the Galleria with full glass-paned walls, the Bombay Club offers a spectacular view of Harvard Square. For that special get-together or a business meeting, their private dining room is perfect. Parties are easily accommodated with a dance floor and state-of-the-art audiovisual capabilities.

Bombay Club offers more than just an elegant meal; it's a place to relax and enjoy exactly what you deserve — the best of everything.

Best of Boston 2000 - "Shikha and Vinod Kapoor have been wowing the Cambridge crowd with their Indian delicacies for more than 10 years. It's Indian food that's stylish and sophisticated, with elegant rather than enormous portions. Shikha's experimental recipes-like the Tangri curry-marinated chicken legs cooked in a tandoor oven with curry sauce flavored with mustard and poppy seeds, jalapeno peppers, coconut milk, and fresh yogurt-change daily.

Kebab-N-Kurry - Predecessor to the reputed Bombay Club in Harvard Square, this legendary Indian specialty restaurant is located in the hub of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, very close to several of Boston's five-star hotels.

Void of any frills and fancies, this restaurant is for the serious and initiated diner, and serves outstanding authentic Indian cuisine at its best. You'll enjoy the restaurant's ambience — classically Indian, with rare painting and artifacts — as well as its authentic and well-acclaimed quality of food. To start with, try the Chicken Malai Tikkas, and for vegetarians, the Dahi Papri Chaat. From its selection of entrées, the more popular are the Chicken Dopiazza, Chicken Saag, Lamb Bahar, Shrimp Bhuna, Chicken Reshmi Kebabs and Tandoori Mixed Grill. Vegans at heart savor the Shaahi Paneer and the Jeera Aloo. The aromatic basmati-cooked biryanis and the crisp oven-fresh tandoori breads are also without compare. For a perfect end to a memorable meal, the selection of desserts, notably the Gulab Jamuns and the Badami Kheer, are outstanding. Enjoy your meal while listening to the soothing sounds of piped classical Indian music. For those who like to dine at home, Kebab-N-Kurry has a delivery service through a professional meals delivery agency. Enjoy the same excellent entrees and desserts in the convenience of your own home.