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## CLUB 201: New Jersey's Finest Supper Club

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**CLUB 201, the 25-and-older playground opened its doors this past September as the second installment of the complex owned by Michel Bittan, also the owner of the famed Solaia Restaurant in Englewood, whose patrons have included pop star Britney Spears and Sean (Puff Daddy) Combs.**

The newest component of a three-restaurant complex on Palisade Avenue in Englewood, New Jersey, Club 201 offers 10,000 square feet of dance floor lounge and dining space on two levels. Before joining the party upstairs however, you must enter through the very festive entrance into Sangria Sake. Open from noon to 2 a.m. daily for lunch and dinner, Sangria Sake features a very casual atmosphere with Latin cuisine, while Sake is served at the sushi bar. The future Matt and Alex restaurant, also to be housed within the complex, will

soon offer Mediterranean and grill cuisine. If you are in need of more of a romantic, upstated atmosphere, the Supper Club would be your choice for a dining adventure.

CLUB 201's Chef Andrew Di Cataldo, formerly of Patria in New York City, presides over the menu of 201. Under his guidance as Executive Chef, Patria was voted the best Pan Latino restaurant for three consecutive years by *Time Out New York Magazine* and a three star rating by the *New York Times* in 2001. Di Cataldo's previous positions include the famous South Beach restaurant, Yuca.

Dining at the Supper Club is an experience worth sharing. Not only is the menu eclectic, serving a blend of Middle Eastern, Asian and Spanish cuisine, the interior design is as rich and savvy as the food. Entering at the far back of Sangria Sake in the area behind the huge velvet curtains, you feel as if you are walking into a Middle Eastern palace with tall Moroccan styled columns and bar area, but then you are seated at a huge Spanish styled table and chairs, with a three piece latin band performing nearby. It is completely overwhelming at first, but as you settle in, it awakens the senses, especially the palette for something more.

The diverse menu offers something for everyone including tasty little appetizers such as dates stuffed with almonds in bacon, a very interesting shrimp ceviche or the home-styled empanadas. For an entree, try the Churrasco, lamb chops or the Tilapia fish, well-executed dishes and extremely savoring, with the chefs special accents and accoutrements. The paella is one of the best in New Jersey and, better than some of the best in Manhattan. It is served as a soup and as an entree fully loaded in a very large bowl.

The club also features flat-screen TVs, a game room and a disc jockey spins Latin and salsa on Wednesday nights. The music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights includes '70s, '80s and today's American, Latin and European hits.

CLUB 201 is located at 90 West Palisade Avenue, Englewood, NJ, 201.541.0101; [www.201club.com](http://www.201club.com) and is open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday and from 8 pm to 3 am, Friday and Saturday. There is no cover for guests dining at either restaurants.



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