

## Wine and a cappella in cosmopolitan Camps Bay



Camps Bay: home to the cosmopolitan, beautiful men and women, sinful ice cream, occasional live jazz and, last Saturday, home to the D7 a cappella group.

Yes, you heard right, a cappella was not lost along with boater hats, stripy blazers and barber shops. D7 is a group of seven young (and good-looking) men who sing a cappella songs that range from Billy Joel to Justin Timberlake.

The event took place in the luxurious Bay Hotel and was sponsored by Bilton Wine Estate, which always makes for a good evening anyway. The location was gorgeous and the room was magical, decorated with tons of fairy lights, flowers and white linen.

Then those gorgeous boys walked onto the stage and began to harmonise... and to be honest, I wasn't completely blown away by the time interval rolled around.

Plus, the service was slower than

a Prestik-pawed sloth and, looking about the room (I was surprised to see that the group's fan base ranges from what looked like ages seven to one hundred and seven) I saw more than a few unhappy, hungry, thirsty faces.

But, in the second half, my wine finally made its Bordeaux blendy way to my table and the boys seemed to pick up the tempo (ahem). In fact they managed to really touch the audience with their awesome renditions of old and new tracks and, in particular, Coldplay's 'When I Ruled the World'. They even tossed in a couple of songs as a tribute to Michael Jackson that had the audience clapping and singing tunelessly along.

There is one member of D7 who should be given a special mention though, a dreadlocked wonder by the name of Eugene. His pitch-perfect, large-ranging, spellbinding voice is enough to give one goose bumps.

Even though the group is only a year and a half old (and even though I only had one glass of Bilton's finest) they're actually bloody good. Sure, they may need a few tweaks here and there, but in my opinion it's as though they're injecting a little bit of much-needed art, class and talent into the current music industry.

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**The members of D7**