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Your weekend dining and entertainment guide

What to eat

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NO SIGNBOARD
SHANGHAI TREATS AT SHENG JIAN BAO EATERY

No Signboard, the seafood restaurant known for its chilli crab dish, is branching out with a self-service concept specialising in Shanghai sheng jian bao, or pan-fried buns stuffed with juicy minced pork.

The first outlet of nosignboard Sheng Jian opened at Northpoint City in September and has been drawing a stream of customers with its no-frills menu of Shanghai dishes targeted at the mass market. Prices are reasonable and there is no service charge.

The signature dish is the "Popping Juices" Sheng Jian Bao ($5.50 for three), so called because you get a burst of delicious meat juices when you bite into the bun, which boasts a pillowy dough with a crispy base.

The sheng jian bao come with other fillings such as vegetables with mushrooms ($5.30) and, not unexpectedly, chilli crab ($6.30) – both of which are good too.

If you can't decide, get the Tricolor Sheng Jian Bao (above, $10.80 for six), which has two pieces of each flavour.

There are many other dishes on the menu, including popular Shanghai dim sum like Xiao Long Bao ($5.50 for four) and Pan-fried Juicy "Guo Tie" Dumpling ($5.50 for three). There is also a very good Deep-fried Radish Pastry ($5.80 for three).

Try the cold dishes too, like the Spicy Chicken In Sichuan Style ($7.80) or Drunken Chicken ($7.80).

There are main dishes such as Ma Po Beancurd ($13.80) and Wuxi Braised Pork Cube ($14.80) that go with rice, but I find these to be less interesting than the noodle and rice items.

The Crispy Rice With Chilli Crab Meat Sauce ($14.80) is another easy way of enjoying No Signboard's prized dish. Even a simple staple like Dried Noodle With Scallion And Dried Shrimp ($6.80) hits the spot for me.

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OPEN 10am to 9.30pm daily
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