



THE BAR

THE HOXTON PONY

We are sure that we had a very fun time at this new East End drinking and eating outpost. We recollect an expensively styled space, comprehensive drinks list, a pleasant chat with celebrated mixologist Gerry Calabrese and delicious reinvented pie-and-eels type food. But after we encountered the Pony's "tea party" things get a little vague. Designed for four people, the infusion jar drinks (presented in a self-chilling canister, then dispensed into teacups) are based around an entire bottle of Tanqueray gin, Evan Williams bourbon, Bacardi Oro rum or Stolichnaya vodka. We tried the bourbon combination, which is blended with fresh rhubarb, cinnamon sticks, vanilla pods and demerara sugar. Believe us, it's the only plan you need for an evening. And it's a very, very good one. 104-108 Curtain Road, London EC2 (www.thehoxtonpony.com)