



Shamshiri Grill

TABLES OF FRIENDS with a plate of *panir o'sabz*—feta, fresh herbs, radishes, and green onions—revel in one another's company.

The surrounding greenery and the sound of water flowing in fountains combine to block out the noise of traffic on Westwood Boulevard.

The interior doesn't have the over-the-top grandeur of some Persian places; instead a cream-and-brown palette gives the dining room a contemporary feel.

The kitchen is glass enclosed, and cooks can be seen spooning basmati rice onto platters and slicing meats from the spinning rotisserie. The restaurant serves an exemplary version of *shirin polo*, the classic rice dish in which sautéed sweet orange peel, pistachios, and almonds define the compelling tartness of great Persian food. » 1712 Westwood Blvd., Westwood, 310-474-1410. L-D daily. Beer and wine. \$\$\$