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Mixtura

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Having had some amazing Peruvian food in New York City and San Francisco, I was excited to check out this new-ish Peruvian restaurant in downtown Kirkland. Before heading out, I had a look at the menu on their [website](#) and noticed that the entrees were a bit pricey and most of them not very appealing to me. Also, I had a feeling portions would be small due to the “small plates” emphasis as well as the expensive downtown Kirkland location. So I ate dinner at home and then met up with friends for drinks and tapas.

We started with a round of Caprihinas and Pisco Sours. Both were very good, but at \$9, they were bit more than I like to spend on cocktails. Next, we tried some of the Mixturas/appetizers/tapas/small plates. I love ceviche and of course had to order the (\$12). Was a bit disappointed with the portion size, but otherwise loved it. Nice juicy, citrus flavors. Yum! Next up were the mussels (\$11.50) which were also great, but again a very small portion that could have been finished in a minute. The dry-cured ham was ok and a small portion. My favorite dish of the night was the Purple Potato Cakes (\$10). These were *almost* worth the price, but of course were finished in a matter of minutes.



Overall, I really enjoyed the food and atmosphere at Mixtura. The free bread rolls with dipping sauces were nice a touch and helped to get me *somewhat* full. The service was slow even though the restaurant was only half-full. Eating a filling meal at Mixtura would

probably require at least 4 of the small plates (~\$50) - which for me is not a very high value-proposition. I have real problems paying a premium for the food here because I'm sure the downtown Kirkland rent is expensive and they have to make up for it in the cost of the food. I have my doubts about Mixtura surviving in the long-term. What Seattle needs a real down-to-earth, simple, authentic Peruvian restaurant. Nothing fancy.

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