Skewered And Grilled

Chicken kebabs make a quick meal or an easy party platter. The Simply Her team tried these ready-to-cook ones. BY COLLETTE MILES

LENARD'S

Selected Cold Storage and Market Place

\$3.50 per stick

The BBQ Chicken Shashlick looked the most appetising. It had the best balance of meat and vegetables, with chunky pieces of breast meat alternately skewered with generous servings of capsicums. The meat was tender and smooth but could have done with a stronger barbecue flavour.

MMMMI

#04-55 Square 2 @ Novena, tel: 6397-6818 \$1.30 per 100g

The seasoning coated the chunks of thigh meat evenly, but did not infuse it thoroughly. It was spicy and peppery but too salty at the first bite, although it became savoury and palatable as we chomped through the moist and tender meat.

THE BUTCHER

#01-50 Chip Bee Gardens, 44 Jalan Merah Saga, tel: 6472-0073 \$12.95 for a pack of 10

The BBQ Plum Chicken Kebab was a plain-looking fillet, without any vegetables. Some testers were put off by the pale orange shade, but the meat, which had a mild plum taste, was soft and tender. It was sweet at first bite, and had a savoury aftertaste.

SWISS BUTCHERY

56 Tanglin Road #01-02, tel: 6235-8080 \$3.30 per stick

The chunks of thigh meat were large, but not tough. They were well-marinated with herbs. The zesty, piquant taste of the seasoning was well-infused into the juicy meat. It had a strong flavour and a pleasant tangy aftertaste.



THE BUTCHER'S DOG

#B2-11/12 Great World City. tel: 6836-8498 \$3.20 per 100g

The chicken breast chunks were huge, but most testers felt they could be juicer. The spices in the marinade were aromatic, but too peppery. Some testers did not like the lingering sour aftertaste.

HUBER'S

18A & 18B Dempsey Road, tel: 6737-1588

\$3.90 per stick

This Chicken Shashlick was the most tender and juicy. The chunks of thigh meat were well-marinated with a tasty, not-too-salty seasoning. which everyone loved. It had a distinct rosemary flavour and a subtle spicy aftertaste. It reminded some of tandoori chicken. The meat was fatty, which some testers liked.

CULINA

Block 8 Dempsey Road #01-13. tel: 6474-7338, and Fairprice Finest at Bukit Timah Plaza, Thomson Plaza, My Village and **Marine Parade** \$2.45 per 100g

Many testers were not as keen to try this kebab as it was pale and in a light shade of pink. The thigh meat was moist and tender, with sweet undertones, but lacked an interesting seasoning.