

Wi-Fry Food Review






Establishment Details	
Name:	Antonio's
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Map:	<a href="#">Click for map</a>
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Website:	<a href="http://www.antoniosrestaurant.eu">http://www.antoniosrestaurant.eu</a>
Style, e.g. Pub, Indian, American, etc	Spanish
Is it family friendly?	Well, I have certainly seen a few families (including some with very young kids) eating there
What is disabled access like?	Sorry, forgot to check.

Food	
What food did you have?	<p>On our evening visit, we started with a whole lobster (to share) as a starter. This was simply boiled and served with a light garlic mayo and a fresh salad.</p> <p>For my main course, I had a whole silver bream, simply grilled with a balsamic dressing. My partner had the sea bass, which again was simply cooked but absolutely fresh and delicious.</p> <p>Vegetables were simple (new pots, carrots, cauli etc – you know the score), but nicely cooked. Although you do not get a huge amount of veg, overall the portions are generous because of the size of the fish.</p> <p>On a separate visit, we also tried their tapas menu, which is available at lunchtimes (although the a la carte is also available).</p>
What did it taste like?	<p>The lobster was absolutely fresh (I caught a glimpse of it walking about in the kitchen before it was cooked!), just the right size and cooked to perfection. Very tender and packed with flavour</p> <p>Both the bream and the sea bass were very fresh and beautifully cooked.</p> <p>Nothing beats the flavour of really fresh fish, and the cooking here only serves to bring out this flavour, rather than smother it in sauces and fancy</p>






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	<p>preparation.</p> <p>Desserts are made on the premises and were light and refreshing.</p> <p>The tapas are all freshly prepared, and again delicious. The standard of the food is certainly in a different league to the tapas you will find at La Tasca in Gunwharf Quays, although there is not as much choice. A selection of tapas, shared between two, makes for a great lunchtime snack.</p> <p>I have yet to try the paella.....</p>
<p>How hot was it?</p>	<p>All the food is freshly prepared and was served piping hot. Beware – the plates were quite hot on the night we were there!</p>
<p>What was the choice of menu like?</p>	<p>The a la carte menu can be viewed on their web site and is not huge (with only five starters and three meat dishes).</p> <p>However, what that doesn't show is the vast array of fresh dishes on offer on their daily board.</p> <p>These largely consist of fresh fish that, Antonio assured me, is bought daily, according to what is best on the market on the day. This means that you could find all sorts of varieties that you may have never tried before. It also means that you will not get second-rate produce for the sake of maintaining a consistent menu.</p> <p>On the night we went, there were six starters and about eight or nine main courses on offer on the board.</p>
<p>Who are they in competition with and how do they fair against them?</p>	<p>I would say their main competition would be the likes of Lauro's and Edwinn's in West St.</p> <p>I would also put them on a par with the likes of Greens and the Wine Bar at Wickham.</p> <p>Antonio's is up there with the very best of them, in terms of the quality of the food, cooking and service. However, it is also one of the pricier of that bunch.</p>

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Was there a healthy option?	Fresh fish – how much more healthy can you get????  Seriously, the kitchen is flexible enough to cater for special requests. The vegetables are simply steamed, and very fresh.
Overall Food Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strong 






**Service**





What was the mood of staff? E.g. <i>Happy, Sad?</i>	Happy, courteous, eager to please.  There is only a small team (usually just Antonio himself and another waiter/waitress), and they always made us feel very welcome without being all over us all the time.
How fast/efficient was the service?	Good service, even when the restaurant was busy. Very accommodating with special requests etc.  The fish is often served whole. However, if the thought of picking out all the bones has you thinking that life is too short, the staff will very happily bone the fish for you at the table.
Did they offer waiter service?	Ummmm, yes. See above!
What was the atmosphere like?	Fine dining in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.  There seemed to be a number of regulars there on the evening we went, which gave the place a nice buzz.
Overall Service Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

**Value**

Did they have any special offers?	Not on the night we went.
Was there a wide range of options?	Lunchtimes you can choose between tapas or a la carte.  Evenings it's a la carte only.
How much did it cost?	Our evening meal cost about £80,

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	<p>including wine, but this included a whole lobster at about £20 (shared as a starter).</p> <p>The tapas range between about £3-5 per dish. 5-6 dishes make up a nice light snack for two (although I inevitably order 7-8 dishes!!!).</p>
Was this good value for money?	Certainly not the cheapest restaurant in the area. However, if you place importance on the quality of the food, it is worth the cost.
Overall Value Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good  <input type="checkbox"/> Strong 

Summary	
Name of Reviewer:	Roy Fitz
Date of Visit:	Feb 2007
What is your overall summary?	Superb food, with amiable service. Especially recommended if you are a fan of fresh seafood.
Would you recommend to others?	Without a doubt.
Overall Rating:	<input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Weak  <input type="checkbox"/> Average  <input type="checkbox"/> Good  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strong 