

Review Basil Brick Oven Pizza Astoria

I am constantly in the search for amazing pizza. Totonno's in Coney Island ruled my heart for years. I still love Totonno's, but on my last visit the crust was not as perfect as I remember. Could be a one time thing. I will have to return to see if this was merely a fluke. I recently met Bradley from [Amouse Bouche](#) (who is as cute as a button). He recommended I try [Basil Brick Oven](#) in Astoria. This gave me the perfect excuse to hop on the Q train and hit up Titan for some Feta and olives.

What's the verdict? Basil's makes some killer pizza.



When we arrived we were seated promptly. We must have arrived at the perfect time. There are only a few tables in this tiny location. We sat and ordered. Before our pizza came, our server (an incredibly nice young man) had brought out homemade bread with olive oil, aged balsamic and cheese. This immediately

told me that we were in for something good. The bread was crunchy on the outside, had the right amount of doughiness on the inside. The olive oil and balsamic were of pretty high quality. I knew that if the restaurant was paying this much attention to their bread, everything else must be amazing.



Our pizza was ready fairly quickly. Our Margherita (we had salccicia added to it) was divine (\$10, 12 inches). The crust had just the right ratio of crunch to give. The ingredients were super fresh. In fact, the mozzarella had been made right in front of us and the basil had been picked fresh.



We were not “hungry” afterwards, but wanted to taste some more food. Our server suggested the pear salad (\$9). The portion of salad was generous (just enough for two). The greens were super fresh and drizzled with a Barolo wine vinegar that was splendid. The vinegar complimented the sweetness of the poached William pears. The caramelized walnuts added a touch of texture and balanced out the goat cheese.

We left happy and full (and with a loaf of their bread...which 3 days later was still good).

Highly Recommended

Basil Brick Oven Pizza is located at 28-17 Astoria Blvd., Astoria, NY 11102. To get there, take the N or Q train to Astoria Boulevard station. (718) 204-1205