



What does a Bentley have in common with Sammy's Woodfired Pizza in Las Vegas?

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Dining at Sammy's Woodfired Pizza in Las Vegas more than usual lately, and we were astonished to see a Bentley parked out front one night, then a Jaguar, then another Jag, then a couple of Corvettes -- new and classic.

The Bentley was new too. And it was driven by Sammy's customers, the kind of Las Vegans who don't wear their wealth but definitely drive it.

So, what do they have in common with other Las Vegans who drive much less luxurious cars to Sammy's?

Great food. Great atmosphere. And always, always, great service.

Cheap Eats has raved about Sammy's before, and we continue to be impressed by their dedication to organic and healthy food.

They've added a gluten-free menu. They're expanding their organics (in Vegas!). And whole wheat pasta is almost the norm now, rather than the exception.

Had pasta Bolognese at Sammy's last night that was as good as an Italian grandmother's.

As good as Mom's too.

The angel hair pasta (whole wheat) with fresh tomatoes and basil (in Vegas!) was so fine we split it in two. There was a lot of garlic, but no "filler" sauce -- just fresh ingredients.

Far too many chefs ruin good Italian fare with Americanized sauces, when the pure thing is the best thing.

Cheap Eats enjoys the fire pit at Sammy's, 6500 W. Sahara (702.227.6000), almost as much as the open, wood-fired pizza oven inside.

The California-based chain has four locations in Las Vegas and one in Henderson: www.sammyspizza.com.

Best bet: Happy hour, from 4 to 6 p.m. every day. All tapas, wine and beer are half-priced -- all of them, no rip-offs (in Vegas!).

Recommended wine: Elsa Bianchi '08 Cabernet from Argentina. Thanks to Sammy's for finding this one!

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