

Food Review: due Focacceria

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When restaurants reopen, sunlight pours in from the tall glass windows, beaming its rays onto the stark white walls, the dainty wooden tables, and the greenery that is gently placed around the new, Italian eatery: due Focacceria. This small but open Italian café envisions “a quick-casual, craft café, that’s usually on-the-go, yet appreciates the foundational pillars of enjoying life around the table. Trusted to bring above-average snacks, fashionably late to the party.”

I chose to go to due Focacceria with my roommate after driving past their location, 475 Fairview Avenue South, and seeing how gorgeous the place was through their glass windows. Walking into the delicate café, I was greeted by Italian scents and gorgeous scenery, but I was very aware that I should not have been in casual attire. Nonetheless, the staff welcomed me with a hello and answered all of the questions I had about the menu.

Their menu consists of mainly Italian meals, custom names for cocktails and cheese boards, and has different options for lunch, dinner, aperitivo, and digestivo. I highly recommend before going to do a little Google research about their menu and the Italian terms if they do not seem familiar.

This little Italian getaway has many options for where to go to eat. Customers are welcome to be seated within the café. They are more encouraged, however, to get a meal to go. due Focacceria also provides catering services and a spacious room for events to experience Italian traditions.

The meal I ordered was basil pesto lettuce wraps served with prosciutto, pine nuts, and grana padano (yes, they have dairy-free, gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan options). I also enjoyed an A’ Siciliana Limonata and a fresh cannoli. Although small in proportion, this meal enriched my taste buds with incredible flavor.

Even though I enjoyed my delicate Italian platter and a delicious cannoli, my bank account did not enjoy it as much. The portions were quite small for the price I paid. If there is a willingness to spend a little extra for a traditional Italian eatery experience and profound flavor, then I would completely recommend due Focacceria. This modern café will also fulfill all of your Instagram photo needs. One doesn’t need to study abroad when they can go to due Focacceria for a piece of Italy. Just remember, wear more formal attire, rather than jeans like me.



Italian scents and basil pesto wraps at due Focacceria. CREDIT: Kalynn Fuller