

Restaurant Review

DA-BANG

Burgers, Grills and Pastas



Da-Bang, instantly reminds me (and, I think, all Bollywood movie buffs) of Salman Khan's hugely popular hit, *Dabangg*.

PACKAGING ★★★½

Da-Bang takes its food and how it goes out seriously. They've ensured the burger boxes keep what's inside snug, and arrive in good shape — the way a burger is meant to be eaten in the restaurant.

FOOD ★★★½

Before the original burgers, I opt to have Penne Burnt Chilli Arabiatta. Quite a tongue twister, and a tongue tingler. This one has a smokiness from

extra burnt chilli to suit our *desi* taste buds. Quite succeeding, actually. I have tiny bites of the crisp buttery bread — with a sweet basil leaf on top. They help mute the pungency. Then, I go back to the well-cooked penne tossed in just enough sauce — with small, whole garlic pods, whole peppercorns, visible, holding the flavours together. I like.

The Corn N Bean Burger wins. Biting in is a surprise. This one has flavour from bite one. Looking in, I see crispy corn niblets stuck to the red kidney bean patty with cheese. The patty itself is thick, large and quite a mouthful. In my head, I compare it with the other burgers I've had and find it has less lumps of bread and more patty — a good thing. A dip in the tomato sauce sent

along adds to the zing thing. However, I do miss the customary chips that go along with burgers. Agree, they would have turned soggy, etc. But I have a hack I normally use with soggy chips — bake them to a crisp in the oven, just like I did with the corn niblet burger.

More surprise awaits in the Risso Sandwich. Cut like a thick, triangular slice of pizza, I find granular smokiness, surrounded by cheesy confidence. Of course, I crisp it up in the oven before I dot the top with a white mushroom sauce sent along. The Risso Sandwich, which is not really a con-

ventional sandwich, has smoked tomatoes, a subtle sense of garlic rather than an overt dominance. Then, there's the jalapeno and pickled gherkin adding some bold salty tartness to complete that slice.

Dessert? Of course not. That's only on prior request and includes the usual brownie types.

PLUSES AND MINUSES: Most times, Da-Bang thinks of everything.

However, home delivery has many stumbling pebbles. Inevitably, despite lists, something gets forgotten. In this case, it was the chips!

I like how the place innovates and thinks of new ways to make the same old, interesting.

— AMEETA AGNIHOTRI

Address: 132, Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar Road, opp. to Aavin Corporate Office, Nandanam Extension, Nandanam;
Phone: 7358214767; **Reservations:** Recommended; **Parking:** Available; **Veg/ non-veg:** Both; **Credit card:** Accepted; **Alcohol:** Yes; **AC:** Yes; **Free Wi-Fi:** On request; **Home delivery:** Yes;
Timings: 11am to 11pm;
Cost for 2: ₹600

RATING: ■ Food: 3.5 ■ Packaging: 3.5
■ Delivery: Prompt

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