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## The Dish

by John Griffing

### Hopjacks



Reviewer: John Griffing  
Age: 55  
Job: President/CEO NAI Halford, Commercial Real Estate Broker  
Favorite Food: Cheese

Restaurant reviewed: Hopjack's Pizza Kitchen & Taproom  
Hopjack's Address: 10 South Palafox Street, Pensacola, FL  
Phone number: (850) 497 6073  
Hours: 11 am-2am, Seven Days/Week, Food service ends at 1 am.  
Credit cards: Yes  
Reservations required: No

When opened: February 2008  
Menu items: Pizza, beer, and various inventive bar foods and salads.  
Type of restaurant: Pizzeria and Brew Pub  
Menu price range: Two sizes of pizzas (10" and 16") range from \$10 to \$24.  
Other menu items range from \$2 to \$12.50.

Why We Go: One of the few places in the area to hear good live music on the weekends while enjoying great food and unusual beers. The owner, Corey Fogarty, is quite entrepreneurial, and it is interesting to drop by and get a take on his new business idea or observation of the day.

What We Ordered: Pizza, beer, Belgian fries, and the Caprese Salad.

What we paid: \$24.25 one visit and \$37.45 on another.

How it tasted: Great pizza is the thing here. The pizza makers are former Ozone guys who know their art. The crusts are thin and flaky with big air holes, which indicate that the dough is not overworked. The sauces, and they vary from pie to pie, are homemade and taste of fresh ingredients, particularly the traditional red pizza sauce - the fresh chunks of tomato are dominant. The cheese is a blend and an excellent one. My guess would be provolone, a sharp cheddar, parmesan, mozzarella, and maybe asiago. We had the White Pizza; Wild Mushroom Pizza; Pepperoni and Anchovy Pizza with extra cheese; and their best seller, the Butcher Block. Each was good, but we preferred the Pepperoni and Anchovy with extra cheese and the White Pizza. Other menu items of note include the Belgian Fries-not the ones you get in Amsterdam on the street, but the best I've had without a bad case of jetlag - the seasoning is super!

How the service was: Efficient and helpful, but not as knowledgeable about the food items as I like. Not everyone is a foodie, not even wait staffs at times.

What we liked about the restaurant: The pizza and visiting with Corey.

What we'd change: More live music.

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