

## Cafe Limelight

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**Gregory B.**  
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01/24/2007

Definitely, definitely worth the drive from San Francisco. Took the g/f to meet some friends for dinner there last Saturday. Started with the Kahli Pinot -- which was very very delicious. Our group ordered beautiful panini sandwiches for dinner complemented by another bottle of wine. I think it was the melot. Try the Chicken BBQ panini - it's the best. Each sandwich comes with a beautiful side salad and/or soup. The g/f who is from New Orleans said the gumbo was fantastic. The mood is subdued, easy, and fun with jazz music in the background. The restaurant itself has an anachronistic blend of tribal wear, modern art, and a sprinkle of Pottery Barn -- a true character-driven place. Don't miss it when you are in Santa Cruz!!

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**Greycella ..**  
Reviews  
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★★★★★

12/14/2006

In the interest of disclosure, I should mention that when I worked in the parking garage that houses this place I became really fond of the owners of Cafe Limelight. Getting myself a meal there was always a bit of a splurge for me, but they have great pressed sandwiches and included in the tab is a little half salad. The stand-out thing that I remember? The chai! Not your powdered standard grocery store chai, but flavorful amazing makes your nose tingle a little chai.

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**Lisa J.**  
Reviews  
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03/17/2006

This place is great - Bonny Dune wine, cheese platters, excellent music comin through the speakers, crazy cool owners, cozy atmosphere - go there for a drink, dinner, good times.

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**Austen B.**  
Reviews  
Written: 7

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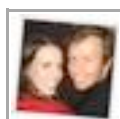
01/07/2007

This is a place worth discovering! Great date spot, AMAZING paninis, friendly and wonderful service.

Try the brie, turkey and pesto sandwich. You may need to drink some drain-o to unclog your arteries, but it's sooooo tasty. The cranberry ice tea is excellent.

You probably won't have room for dessert, but the chocolates are well worth a later visit.

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**Peter and Julie H.**  
Reviews  
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11/26/2006

This place has it all: Yummy food, great atmosphere, comfy couches and free wireless. If only we lived closer!! Prices are reasonable for the quality of food served. We didn't like the servers wine recommendations but you can't win them all...

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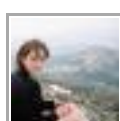
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Reviews  
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01/08/2006

I wish I lived in Santa Cruz, 'cause if I did, this is where my middle-aged ass would be parked. Great food and service!

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**Kris S.**  
Reviews  
Written: 42

★★★★★

10/17/2005

Cafe Limelight's a cute lunchspot just off Pacific, across from the Red Room and Planet Fresh. They serve great panini sandwiches, espresso, and beer and wine in a cozy cafe-setting, complete with sofas and jazz.

Try the Barbeque Chicken or Turkey and Brie sandwich with a coconut italian soda or a glass of the Big House Red, or for something a little lighter, the Gorgonzola and Cranberry Salad (doused in homemade balsamic vinagrette) and the Tomato Bisque. For dessert, the Snickers panini is incredible.

Best of all, though, Billy and Farouk (the owners) are warm, welcoming, and full of personality--they're what makes the cafe really shine. Although Limelight is patronized primarily by the middle-aged set, it's still a good quiet place to land with a friend or a book.

A note: They have wi-fi here, but there's a \$5 minimum purchase if you're going to table-hog.

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