

Owner Spotlight: Brick Pizzeria Napoletana



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In the past few years, downtown New Bedford has become a hot spot for entrepreneurs looking to set up a new business. Most recently, several new bars, hair salons, a Korean restaurant, and two pizza restaurants opened for business. NewBedfordGuide.com had a chance to interview John Goggin, one of the three owners of **Brick Pizzeria Napoletana** in downtown New Bedford.

How long have you been an owner of Brick?

Brick Pizzeria Napoletana opened just over two years ago. The owners are Jeff Goggin, Jay Danials, and myself.



What did you do before owning Brick?

I spent over twenty years in the building supply business as an inside sales person and estimator. I also worked with engineered-wood products, sizing beams, and designing floor systems. During that time I also owned a small family restaurant in Westport with my late wife Cindy.

What are your most popular food items?

The popular items we serve at Brick are pizzas, calzones,

salads, and we recently started making sandwiches. We bake the bread when the order is placed.

My favorite topping is the roasted garlic. Describe how you prepare it?

We place the peeled garlic in a deep pan filled with lite oil. We then cook it in our wood-fired brick oven until the garlic becomes soft and the flavor has been slightly tamed.

What is the difference between a brick oven and a regular oven pizza?

The pizza at Brick Pizzeria Napoletana is quite different than pizza at other pizzerias you'll find around the area. Most run their ovens at 450-550 degrees. We cook our pizzas at 800+ degrees for roughly two minutes. It's not just the wood-fired oven that came from Italy; we make our dough without any commercial yeast. We use a sourdough starter, which adds it's own flavor and character to our pizza.

Is there anything new we can expect for 2011?

We are always looking to make additions to our menu so customers will have a greater selection. You may see desserts and coffee drinks offered soon.

If you could tell New Bedford residents anything about your restaurant, what would it be?

We are not the typical pizzeria. We work hard to make the best pizza we can, and we serve it in a family friendly environment. We make pizza the way its made in Naples, Italy. It's all about the dough, the fresh toppings, and the high heat of a wood-fired oven that blends the flavors together. We also serve wine and have a very unique beer selection. You won't find the big name beer brands: instead, we have a selection of lagers, pilsners, and



The image shows a menu for BRICK pizzeria napoletana. The menu is organized into sections: ANTIPASTI, PIZZA NAPOLETANA, PIZZETTA, and CALZONI. Each item includes a description and a price. The menu is presented on a yellow background with black text.

BRICK pizzeria napoletana	
ANTIPASTI	PIZZA NAPOLETANA
Focaccia wood-fired flatbread w/ garlic, oregano, sea salt, extra virgin olive oil 3.75	Margherita (non-veg-REC-let) crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, basil, extra virgin olive oil 7.50
House Salad salad of field greens, red onions, plum tomatoes, balsamic olive, white balsamic vinaigrette 4.50	Marinara (non-veg-REC-let) crushed tomatoes, basil, extra virgin olive oil 5.50
Supreme our house sautéed plus roasted red peppers, pepperoni, parmesan 4.99	Funghi (FOR-veg) wood-fired mushrooms, roasted garlic, arugula 6.99
Gorgonzola salad of romaine lettuce, gorgonzola dressing, candied walnuts 4.99	Bianco (non-veg-REC-let) fresh mozzarella, garlic, basil, extra virgin olive oil, parmesan 7.99
Insalata Piana your choice of one of our salads served on a pizza of fresh mozzarella, extra virgin olive oil, romaine, sea salt 7.99	Salicicola (non-veg-REC-let) forest sausage, roasted red peppers, ricotta 5.99
PIZZETTA 1/2 personal pizza (served ambico)	Rucola (FOR-veg) prosciutto, arugula, fresh mozzarella 9.99
Pizzetta crushed tomatoes, mozzarella 3.75	Quattro Formaggi (FOR-veg-REC-let) 4 cheeses, crushed tomatoes & 4 cheeses 4.99
Pizzetta Hesa choose one of our regional pizzas and we'll make it a pizzetta 4.50	Spinaci (non-veg-REC-let) spinach, balsamic olive, roasted red peppers, goat cheese 6.99
Pizzetta Plus add up to 3 toppings to a plain pizzetta 4.99	Pepi (FOR-veg) pepperoni, crushed tomatoes, mozzarella 6.99
CALZONI	Carriera (CAR-veg) caramelized onions, roasted garlic, pepperoni 8.99
Chickenstrom oven roasted chicken, wood-fired mushrooms, crushed tomatoes, ricotta 8.99	Napoli (NAP-veg-REC-let) prosciutto, wood-fired mushrooms, mozzarella, basil 8.99
Spinachroom spinach, wood-fired mushrooms, crushed tomatoes, ricotta 6.99	Caprese (non-veg-REC-let) fresh mozzarella, plum tomatoes, garlic, basil, extra virgin olive oil 7.99
Formaggi mozzarella, ricotta, crushed tomatoes, basil 7.99	Pasta Pesto (non-veg-REC-let) extra virgin olive oil, crushed tomatoes, basil pesto, fresh mozzarella 9.99
Create your own starts with crushed tomatoes and ricotta. Add up to 3 ingredients 8.99	Bambino (non-veg-REC-let) you know... FOR KIDDY 1/2 cheese pizzetta 3.75

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My final piece of advice? Eat the crust! It's the best part and we've put a lot of work into making it the best it can be!