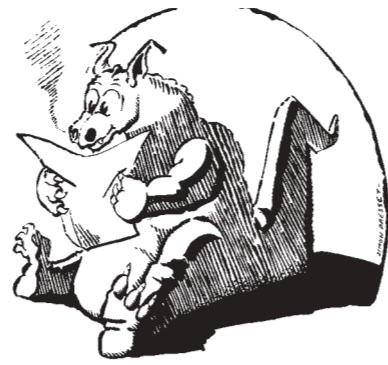


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RESTAURANT REVIEW

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Collecting my celebratory re-opening takeaway, I waited for less than 10 minutes after having placed my order. To pass the time, there's plenty to do. I drank a quarter bottle of delicious heated sake (kept warm in its own pot of hot water); observed the large party of oriental students finishing their meal in the restaurant behind me; studied the beautiful mural of a marketplace which covers the wall of the bar, and listened to Chinese pop music. The Condor had put me off for a couple of years before I 'discovered' it by roasting whole chickens on spits in its front window, but when I finally ventured inside what I had assumed was just another large kebab-shop takeaway establishment, I could have kicked myself. A large expanse of minimalist, trendy restaurant lies out the back past the bar, and not only is there the wall mural to gaze at, but you can also sit and watch the cooking (taking place on gas rings over a vast, Heath-Robinson-esque tank of water - novelty value only rivalled by the visible cooking that goes on at Mongolian Wok and Savannah). There is none of the monosodium glutamate-soaked gelatinousness of the bog-standard British Chinese takeaway here; only delicate flavours, succulent meats and fake meats, noodles ranging from fat spaghetti-size to crispy threads, and much, much, much more. Watch out for the prawn crackers - they are habit-forming.

When I got my meal home, my partner's sweet and sour pork with crispy noodles unfortunately turned out to be noodle-less, but my single portion of generously eggy fried rice was enough for at least two, so who's complaining. Initially disturbed by the visual similarity of my vegetarian mock duck to real duck, when I despondently decided to tuck in nonetheless I was amazed to find that this was the real (fake) thing; the impressively wide range of mock meats offered previously at the Condor could sometimes be rather bland, but this was much more convincing (even down to the plucked-skin patina of the bean curd - freaky!), and gorgeous. A veritable paradise for secretly meat-loving veggies such as myself.

Mock duck, sake (too much to drink in under 10 minutes!), sweet-and-sour pork dish and egg-fried rice came to a total of £15.50 - I'm not sure if this was absolutely correct, but whilst the takeaway menu is still in preparation, food ordered for takeout will be charged at a lesser rate than eat-in - a little bit steep, but doubtless bumped up from eminently reasonable prices per dish by the inclusion of sake. Anyhow, again I'm not complaining, as I cannot be too enthusiastic about the cuisine at this excellent place, and shall be resuming my former status of regular customer (I went back last night too for good measure, ordering the scrumptiously gravy-tastic mock chicken). Check it out, or miss one of the best gastronomic experiences Oxford has to offer - Chinese or otherwise.

Su Jordan, 4/5.12.02

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