

Restaurant Review 6 Lester's September 18, 2014



LESTER'S CHESTERFIELD LOCATION PERMANENTLY CLOSED ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2014. However the original Lester's on Clayton Road in Ladue is still open and serves exactly the same menu we reviewed in Chesterfield.

WHY DID I WAIT ALMOST THREE YEARS TO GO BACK TO LESTER'S? I don't know and after our recent Labor Day evening meal at Lester's I tried to come up with a reason and couldn't.

Lester's advertises itself as a "Sports Bar" and sure they have large screen TVs on all the wall space, but the reason to go there is the food. It is good comfort food at a reasonable price.

I was never crazy about Lester's breaded onion rings, as I would much rather have the battered rings at Charlotte's Rib or Cheeburger Cheeburger. But I tried the potato pancakes (\$2.95). While they look small, they are really loaded with lots of spuds stuffed into each one.

My wife ordered the Gumbo (\$3.50) and it was delicious, with large chunks of chicken and sausage. I thought it was perfect, but my wife added more hot sauce.



For dinner she went with the Rueben (\$12.95) and a side of green beans. I went with the Brisket (\$10.50) and sides of green beans and potato salad.

We were told the green beans were made daily with pieces of ham and onions. As far as I could tell they might have been scooped out of a can. They did arrive hot.

However the potato salad, while looking plain was very tasty. In fact if they offered the potato salad in a carry out pint or quart container I would have bought some. It was as good as the home made potato salad at Charlotte's Rib. My only complaint was that it was served in a tiny "bowl" that I would more associate with a container for cocktail sauce served with a five piece shrimp cocktail. Potato salad this good should come in a large portion plopped on the plate next to the sandwich.



Diana's corn beef Rueben was very large, So large in fact that she took half of it home for lunch the next day. She said it was excellent.

I felt a little cheated as my bun was not completely covered with brisket. However the brisket was perfect for a sandwich. It was not the fatty kind served up at a BBQ joint that requires cutting away at least some of the fat. This was moist and flavorful with none of the fake smokey flavor or lack of flavor hidden under a lot of sauce. The meat was tender and moist. I applied some cold sweet BBQ sauce that was excellent.

The other thing I liked about Lester's was that they broke down the bill per each person's order down to the sales tax.