



SCRATCH COOKING WITH LOVE SINCE 1965

CARDIFF BY THE SEA, CALIFORNIA

SHARING IS CARING

HALF SLAB / FULL SLAB

OUR HOUSE-MADE FOCACCIA 6/11

california olive oil & aged balsamic

FOCACCIA ADD ON'S

our almost famous vodka sauce

+2/+3

house pomodoro sauce

+2/+3

calabrian chile butter

+2/+4

pouccini's 8 hr. bolognese sauce

+4/+7

cheesy focaccia with herb & garlic

+3/+5

butter, mozzarella & pecorino romano, pomodoro sauce

4 oz ball of burrata cheese, olive oil, flaky salt, herb pesto, saba vinegar

+7

CALABRIAN SHRIMP SCAMPI 13

calabrian chili butter, lemon, parsley, garlic baquette

CRISPY BRUSSEL SPROUTS 9

fresh basil, chili crisp, parmesan cheese, wildflower honey

CRISPY MOZZARELLA CHEESE 9/14

red sauce & besta ranch
four or eight pieces

CALAMARI FRITTI 15

½ pound of fried rings and tentacles, red sauce, caper aioli & fresh lemon

WARM GARLIC HUMMUS BOWL 13

roasted artichoke, caper & herb salsa, blistered tomatoes, garlic & herb flatbread

SICILIAN STYLE BEEF MEATBALLS 14

three all natural angus beef meatballs, breadcrumbs, garlic, romano cheese, parsley, rustic tomato sauce, garlic baquette
add a meatball + 3.5

HEIRLOOM TOMATO & BURRATA 14

local heirloom tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil, flaky salt & black pepper
simplicity at its best!

BE MY WINGMAN

house-brined, lightly breaded and double fried jumbo chicken wings served with ranch or blue cheese and crisp celery sticks

4 pieces 10.5 | 8 pieces 18

TRADITIONAL

spicy buffalo

PEANUT BUTTER

a must try Besta-Wan staple

DAYTONA

buffalo & bbq mixed

SWEET CHILI

tangy with a touch of spice

GARDEN OF GREENS

ALL SALADS OFFERED IN SMALL & REGULAR SIZES

BESTA WAN HOUSE SALAD 9/13

romaine, diced tomatoes, cucumbers, jack & cheddar cheeses, garlic croutons, choice of house buttermilk ranch, italian, blue cheese, balsamic or oil & vinegar

add chilled or hot roasted chicken breast, crispy chicken or hot crispy buffalo chicken
small 3 | regular 6

TIJUANA CAESAR 10/15

besta caesar dressing, romaine hearts, grana padano cheese, garlic croutons

add chilled or hot roasted chicken breast, crispy chicken or hot crispy buffalo chicken
small 3 | regular 6

THE BESTA SALAD 10/15

mixed greens, sliced pear, candied walnuts, cranberries & feta cheese tossed in house balsamic vinaigrette

ITALIAN CHOP CHOP 13/18

iceberg, radicchio, vine-ripened tomato, salami, pepperoni, provolone, pepperoncini, red onion & chickpeas tossed
peppercorn-oregano vinaigrette

CARDIFF COBB 14/18

romaine, chicken breast, crispy bacon, hard boiled egg, tomatoes, avocado, blue cheese & our house buttermilk ranch on the side

AMERICAN CLASSIC HANDHELDS

includes choice of house fries, tater tots or an individual house salad

BESTA BURGER 19

two natural angus beef patties, american cheese, besta spread, red onion, bread & butter pickles, brioche bun

sub gluten free bun 2.5

FRENCH ONION BURGER 18

two natural angus beef patties, caramelized onion, emmental cheese, sherry & caramelized shallot aioli, brioche bun

add bacon or egg 2 add mushrooms 1

sub gluten free bun 2.5

CHRONIC BURGER 20

two natural angus beef patties, bacon, avocado, grilled red onions & button mushrooms, jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, brioche bun

sub gluten free bun 2.5

THE ITALIAN JOB 17

Our go to hero sandwich!!

taverno ham, salami, mortadella, sopressata, turano roll, dijonaise, provolone, tomato, pepperoncini, iceberg & radicchio, peppercorn vinaigrette

sub fried chicken breast cutlet 2

CRISPY CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP 17

romaine, caesar dressing, smashed avocado, grana padano cheese, garlic croutons

add bacon 2

CHICAGO-STYLE ITALIAN BEEF 18

garlic & herb roasted beef, spicy giardiniera, peppers & onions, toasted turano roll

POUCCINI'S FAVORITES

PAPA POUCCINI'S 8 HOUR BOLOGNESE 20

organic lumache (snail shell) pasta, beef, veal, pork, pancetta, tomato, garlic, onion, fresh thyme & parsley, grana padano cheese, garlic bread

WILD ISLE SALMON BOWL 23

steamed brown rice, marinated chili crisp cucumber, pickled carrot, fresh avocado, spinach, sesame seeds, green onion & teriyaki mirin sauce

8 OZ PRIME STEAK FRITTE 27

chef's weekly steak cut, crispy house fries, arugula salad, bearnaise aioli

RIGATONI ALLA VODKA 19

crushed tomatoes, onion, garlic, chili flake, vodka, cream, basil, parmesan, garlic bread

add chicken breast, bacon or italian sausage 4

Our gluten-free items are made without gluten-containing ingredients, but since we're a pizzeria, gluten is present in our kitchen. While we do our best to avoid cross-contact, we are not a gluten-free facility.

A 3% fee applies to credit card payments to help offset processing costs. This amount is not more than what we pay in processing fees and does not apply to debit cards or cash payments.

Vegetarian

Gluten Free

WARNING

Certain foods and beverages sold or served here can expose you to chemicals including acrylamide in many fried or baked foods, and mercury in fish, which are known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness. For more information, go to www.p65warnings.ca.gov/restaurant.

"THE PIZZA HOUSE"

OUR PIZZA STYLES:

OUR CLASSIC TAVERN-STYLE PIZZA IS THIN, CRISPY & WELL DONE WITH TOPPINGS AND CHEESE ALL THE WAY TO THE EDGE.
OUR 8 X 10 DETROIT STYLE HAS AN AIRY FOCACCIA TYPE BASE & A CRISPY BRICK CHEESE EDGE.

SIZES



MEDIUM 12"

25



COLOSSAL 16"

30



8"X10" DETROIT

25

OUR SPECIALTY PIZZAS

OLD SCHOOL

BESTA WAN SPECIAL

ground beef, pepperoni, sausage,
green peppers, yellow onion, mushrooms
anchovies upon request

KRAUT-ZA

red sauce, mozzarella, italian sausage,
pepperoni, sauerkraut, chile flake

BANKS

canadian bacon, sausage, jalapeños,
pepperoni & pineapple

BEAR DOWN

(A THOROUGHbred FAVORITE)

pepperoni, sausage, jalapeño, yellow onion,
black olive & mushrooms

PRIMO'S BBQ PIE

grilled chicken, bbq sauce, mozzarella &
gouda cheeses, fresh tomatoes, cilantro,
red onions & scallions

SAVANNAH WHITE

garlic oil, white onions, artichoke hearts, garlic,
fresh tomatoes, ricotta & mozzarella cheeses

NEW SCHOOL

ABE FROMAN

italian sausage, button mushroom,
yellow onion & wild oregano

THE CHEEF

roasted italian beef, yellow onion, red sauce,
mozzarella, spicy giardiniera, wild oregano,
pecorino romano

SPICY SGT PEPPER

red sauce, fresh basil, pepperoni, mozzarella,
chile flake, hot honey

EAT YOUR VEGGIES

red sauce, mozzarella, artichokes, roasted garlic,
green pepper, onion, mushrooms, olives &
fresh tomato

YOU BACON ME CRAZY

our famous ranch, smoked bacon, fresh jalapeno,
mozzarella, smoked gouda cheese, green onions

THE CALABRIAN CRUSH

red sauce, italian sausage, calabrian chili, fi
basil, burrata cheese & hot honey finish

ALLA VODKA

our house-made vodka sauce, mozzarella,
ricotta, pepperoni, cherry peppers, herb pesto

BUILD YOUR OWN

PLAIN CHEESE SIZES : INDIVIDUAL 9" TAVERN - \$11 / MEDIUM 12" TAVERN - \$16 / COLOSSAL 16" TAVERN - \$19

PAN STYLE DETROIT PIZZA 8"X10" - \$16

ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS PRICING

VEGGIES, FRUITS & HERBS

9" -1.75 / 12" OR DETROIT- 2.75 / COLOSSAL - 3.25

button mushrooms, green pepper, green onion, yellow & red onions,
roasted garlic, pepperoncini, artichoke hearts, fresh jalapeños, black olives,
giardiniera, sauerkraut, tomato, pineapple, avocado, basil, oregano, cilantro

PROTEINS- 9" -2 / 12" OR DETROIT- 3 / COLOSSAL - 4

italian sausage, pepperoni, bacon, ground beef, italian beef, ham,
chicken breast, eggs, anchovies

ADD ON CHEESE'S

9" -1.75 / 12" OR DETROIT- 2.75 / COLOSSAL- 3.25

mozzarella, parmesan, ricotta, blue cheese, pecorino, smoked gouda

SWEET TREATS!

OUR WARM HOUSE BAKED COOKIES

Choice Of :
chocolate chip with flaky sea salt
or
reese's peanut butter cup

Single Cookie 3.5

Make it a Sundae 8

double scoop of vanilla ice cream, caramel &
chocolate sauces, whipped cream, sprinkles

HOUSE-MADE VANILLA BEAN PUDDING

tahitian vanilla bean, salted caramel, 8
whipped cream, flaky sea salt

OLD FASHION ROOTBEER FLOAT

old fashioned french vanilla ice cream 7

VANILLA ICE CREAM

two scoops of our vanilla bean ice cream

chocolate sauce, caramel sauce, sprinkles, whipped
cream or candied walnuts 0.50 ea

OUR HISTORY



First built as a single-family home in 1942, it remained as such until 1965 when Richard and Virginia Corder opened The Besta-Wan Pizza House in this quaint single-story home. The restaurant operated with a simple menu of pizza, salads and beer for over 50 years. Ron Banks purchased Besta from the Corders and continued the tradition for another five years until he met Rebecca Sanchez and convinced her to take it over, after she ran the cafe at Palomar Airport for years. In 2004 Rebecca & Julio Sanchez were passed the torch and spent long hours and days in the beginning transforming Besta into something that was a bit brighter, a bit funkier and something that continued to give the locals of North County something memorable each and every time they dined. Rebecca put her touches on Besta over the last 20 years and has been a staple both at Besta and in the community of Cardiff. In 2023 the torch was passed again to us, KC & Eric Bauer. We have both been locals in the community for the last 20+ years, and want to continue the rich history that Besta has had. We want to honor the past history of Besta by recreating some of that feel from back then. Pizza and service is our passion and something that is at the heart of what we strive to do every day. We hope you continue to enjoy Besta and know that while you are in our house, you are always our company.