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## Restaurant review part deux: Ellerbe Fine Foods in Fort Worth

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Saturday evening we had a large group dinner planned for [Joe T. Garcia's](#), but the weather was too cold. Instead, we opted for a smaller dinner in a warm and cozy atmosphere. Fort Worth, however, was still our destination.

[Ellerbe Fine Foods](#) is located on Magnolia Street and is hosted in a renovated gas station. When you first walk in there is a small retail shop on the right and a serving station directly ahead. They were selling local jellies, honey, and various flavored dessert and appetizer kits. They also had a pretty good selection of dining and glassware for sale as well. You are invited to purchase a cocktail while you wait/shop if you like. We made a reservation prior to heading out, which was a good idea! The earliest slot that was available was 9 p.m. The restaurant was pleasantly full, but you didn't get a feel for it being packed.

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We were seated after about ten minutes after arriving. There are two main dining areas with a large open feel. We were immediately served warm fresh bread with butter and a side dish of pink salt. Delish! The girls ordered a bottle of chardonnay and the guys ordered a bottle of pinot noir. Plenty of wine to go around! Now, we could officially begin the process of trying to narrow down our choices for the evening. For appetizers, sweetbreads and a white bean salad were ordered. They both were served on a vinaigrette salad bed of sorts. Having never had sweetbreads before, I can't really judge them fairly. I thought that the taste was decent (as long as



I didn't think about what I was eating) and slightly smoky. Overall, we weren't blown away by either of the appetizers.



Meaghan and I had the same idea -- order light. The soup caught both of our attention, and so we got it. It was a corn soup with a cream base. It had roasted red pepper flavors and queso fresco sprinkled throughout as well as a touch of cilantro. Yummy! We both took our time savoring every sip. Meagan ordered the green goddess and bibb salad. The portion was fairly small, but came sprinkled with bacon and watermelon radishes. I decided to try the maque choux which is offered as a side. After all, we couldn't order the SAME exact things. This was really very good. It came mixed with baby shrimp, tomatoes, and I think chorizo (although I am not certain on this). The flavors were very good and the dish itself was rather filling.



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The guys had the same idea -- full entree. Justin ordered the steak which came served with mac and cheese. The steak flavor was really very good and the mac and cheese was covered with panko bread crumbs. Brad ordered the grouper. This came served with bay shrimp and a stuffed mirliton (vegetable that I had never heard of, but tasted like squash.) The entree was blanketed by a "tomato beurre blanc sauce" that was simply amazing. It was creamy and delicious!



Finally, we ended the evening on a sweet note. We couldn't decide between two desserts, so we ordered both! We had the bread pudding that came with homemade whipped cream on top, whiskey sauce on the side, and candied pecans sprinkled all around. We also ordered the oatmeal cookie cake that was iced in a cream cheese frosting. Neither of the desserts left us disappointed and both plates were cleared!

We had a lovely dinner in a very inviting atmosphere.

P.S. They had a nice patio area as well. We will have to come back when the weather outside is more accommodating!



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