



?Went to the new Turkish restaurant in Selby last night, (Olives & Grill) it was a very mixed experience, but all in all a pretty good one.

I started with falafel with hummus ad cacik (pronounced jajik, apparently, thank you lovely waitress who's name I missed), the falafel were delightful and the hummus, some of the nicest I have had. Phil had garlic bread that he thought was a little dry, but this was remedied by nicking my hummus and cacik!! The bread had a lovely open crumb, was crisp outside and delicately soft within. The main event was also quite mixed. My choice was Pirzola which was marinated char grilled lamb chops (5 of) they were cut quite thinly and were cooked to perfection, still tender pink inside, and just a hint of char on the outer, served with simple salad and bulgur rice which I totally loved, more flavourful than cous cous and a nice change to rice, my main dish was definitely one I would pick again. Phil's again, was a little disappointing. His choice was Gambas fajitas, they were overcooked and very few and far between, and I'm not convinced that even if left to grow they were ever going to make it to king prawn status, I know that king prawns do shrink when cooked, but I've cooked plenty to know that they don't shrink that much.

Two points that I was a sad about was the wine and the coffee. We ordered a bottle of French merlot, really not good. Merlot that I have always enjoyed has been full, smooth, and most certainly quaffable, but this was sharp, acrid, and not a pleasure to drink, shame as a really nice Merlot, which is easy drinking by any standards, would have perfectly complimented my lamb chop mountain!!! I think that next time I would maybe have beer(yeah me drinking beer, go figure!!!) I was let down that I couldn't have a 'proper' Turkish coffee, although they do sell espresso, I really was looking forward to a cup of nerve tingling, caffeine saturated coffee, but alas it was not to be. All in all I think the low points are far outweighed by the good. The staff were very sweet, very nice girls that were doing a good job, as were the cooks, given that they only opened this week, there are bound to be teething problems. Will I go back?? Yeah, for sure I will, someone has to keep nagging until they get some Turkish coffee on the go!!! I would urge anybody who loves Turkish/Mediterranean food to give them a fair try. I would give them 7/10, which I don't think is bad for a new restaurant. The bill was £45 near as damit, If anybody from the restaurant reads this PLEASE, do Turkish coffee.....especially in the afternoon, with some fab

little Turkish pastries!!?

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