

Tony Boloney's Pizza – Atlantic City

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Let's start with labels

Their menu looks hip and clearly says they have vegan options available, and they can make other menu items to be vegan.

I also went and checked out their website and it has labels for vegetarian, vegan, and can be "made vegan".

I love this and thank you!

There are no labels for dairy free though. As you know I am not a vegan, and while eating vegan can certainly be a way for me to Make sure I avoid dairy; I am not a vegan. I like meats, fish, chicken, pork, and eggs. I'm just allergic to dairy, that's all.

I love that the ingredients are listed on their website.

While its not perfect for us, they are doing amazing things with this. Just some more caressing and it could be perfect.

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**A**

For amenities, they have seating inside and outside, and a single use restroom.

It's an eclectic pizza shop with a unique vibe. Ac and fans were not working inside the restaurant, which made it really hot!

I would say it does the trick for a quick bite, but it's certainly not a welcoming, I wanna hang out for a bit kind of restaurant.

There should be umbrellas outside for the tables because it's way to sunny and hot to sit there in the sunshine.

Even as hot as it was inside without ac, I still made the choice to sit inside instead of outside because I didn't want to bake in the sun.

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**C**

When it comes to cleanliness, even though I said the place is eclectic, like I guess a New Jersey style, though forgive me, I'm not familiar with New Jersey style,

It does not mean it needs to be dungy and dirty and this place was a bit on the ruff side. The fans, as I said, were not working, and they are covered in dirt. The walls, tables, menus,

All have a greasy feel to them. I needed to use the bathroom to wash up before I ate but there was someone in there since before, I arrived till when my food came out, which was like

Over 20 minutes. When I did get to go in, it was funky in a sense, scratches all over the mirror, and a like a cheap gas station vibe, but there was soap, and I was able to wash my hands so it was functional.

The food prep area looked busy – meaning flour everywhere and used, but not overall disgusting.

I would say 6/10

## **F**

My pie looked nice but was sadly lacking tur depth of flavor. Granted I know many people will say I can't compare a vegan pizza to a real pizza, and I'm not trying to, but I am comparing it to other Vegan pizzas I've had, and against them it lacks the love and extra "umph" that I was hoping the pizza would have. From looking at all their other pizzas, and the uniqueness of the shop, I was hoping for more from the pizza and it just didn't deliver. Was it bad? No would I order it again? If I was very hungry and it was all there was? Yes, otherwise I would order a pizza here again, but I'm curious how another pizza would taste. The sauce itself wasn't bad, the cheese was just flat, and the eggplant meatballs were boring.

5/10

## **A**

When I arrived there were two guests already seated. I looked around. There was no hello or help, but I was able to guide myself over to where the menu was located. There were four staff members just conversing behind the counter amongst themselves. I took the menu and went to sit down to look at it. While I was sitting there, two other potential customers walked in and looked around, trying the restroom but it was locked. They then sat down, and I could hear them briefly talking with one another – "I would order but I need to use the bathroom first. I seriously can't eat until I use the bathroom." I went up to the counter and the employee just said to me "yah". I said, Hi, I'd like to get a Vegan Pizza. "The staff member said, "Oh I don't know if we have that today." I said, "Well is it possible you can check for me? I came here just for that. They then gave an exhausted sigh and walked away. They came back to the counter what seemed like a minute later. "Yah, we can do it". Great, I said, and thank you, which one? They said they only carry the OG at this location. I said, ok, and can I also add some pepperoni please. Not the vegan kind, the regular. They said on the vegan pizza. I said yes, I'm not vegan, I just have a dairy allergy, so this pizza is safe for me, and I'd just like to add pepperoni. They then asked me – "you want the 25 or the 35? I said, "I'm sorry, I'm not sure what is that? "The smaller one or bigger one they said." I took the 25.

They then proceeded to ring my order up and I had to ask for a beverage. They pointed to the case. I felt like I was in their way, and they were rushing to take my order. There was no other customer waiting to order and it just had that weird feel when someone is rushing you.

The customers waiting on the bathroom gave up. The bathroom didn't become unlocked, so they left.

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## **C**

25 or 35? That's what they asked me. I went with the 25 dollars for a smaller pizza. While the vegan option is not the most expensive pizza, its price is up there with some of the fancier pizzas, and I feel they get over charging more because "vegan" is trendy. I do feel the pizza could be better value, maybe inline with just the regular cheese pizza. I mean let's be honest vegan eggplant meatballs can't be that expensive.

Again remembering the décor and ambience of the place, and the fact its just a simple pizza shop, and set far away from the boardwalk and major traffic. The price should be more affordable to bring people in. That could be a reason why the place was so slow when I was there.

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**T**

My pizza was prepared and cooked fresh for me in ten minutes. Can't go wrong there. There was no line when I came in, but again, we should think of the time it took me to walk here from the boardwalk. It's not close to major attractions and "off" the beaten path for sure. But still service was fast.  
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**O**

When it comes to having dairy free options, again the menu does not tell me everything that is dairy free, so there could be significantly more items than I know about. The three vegan pizzas vary by location, and here at Atlantic city, they only had the one and even that they were not sure if they could make it or not, but they did. Usually everywhere I go, French fries are an option, but on their menu, it does not say that the fries are vegan, which I find strange, because regular French fries always is at most places, but not here it would be.  
So, on their menu it looks like they have 3 vegan pizzas, but depending on where you are, they may have one or none. So, this would certainly limit the options.  
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**R**

As I stated when I walked in, I was the only customer coming into order, and there was no welcome or hello. For being 3 in the afternoon, there were plenty of workers on shift, but they were all busy talking with one another behind the line. From being rushed through my order, which I spoke about already, I have to say I did not feel the warm lovable reception we all hope for when entering a business.  
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So, for Tony's Boloney pizzeria in Atlantic city, Total Lac Factor report card adds up to :

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