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Persian Pleasures – Raffi's Place

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Raffi's Place Gourmet Restaurant has been designated by Zagat as the best Middle-eastern restaurant in California. Raffi's Place in Glendale, California is modeled after restaurants in Iran.

My husband and I had heard rave reviews about Raffi's place. So we decided to drop by for a late lunch on a Sunday afternoon. Upon entering the al fresco part of the restaurant, I was transported to Tehran, where I grew up. The vibe is casual, but it is tastefully decorated.



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Raffi's Place is divided to two sections – the informal patio and the more formal indoor dining room.



Outdoor patio



Indoor Dining Room

The restaurant was very crowded. We were told there would be a 40-minute wait for a table. The hostess asked for our mobile number and informed us that we would receive a text when we could be seated.

I ordered the Chicken Barg (Charbroiled chicken breast) with Herbed Rice (Sabzi Polo) and my husband had the Chicken Barg served with charbroiled tomato, Anaheim pepper and white rice. We also shared a Shirazi salad.



Chicken Barg with Sabzi Polo



Chicken Barg with White Rice



Shirazi Salad

Our waiter brought us Lavash bread and a plate of herbs, onions and radishes. The staff is professional and friendly. The service was a bit slow, but to be fair, the restaurant was fully packed – even at 3 p.m.!



Complimentary lavash bread and herbs

The food was good and the portion sizes were very generous. Both my husband and I had leftovers that we took home.

There are some vegetarian and vegan appetizers on the menu, but not many main dishes. A vast selection of wine and beer is available. Heaters are set up in the outdoor patio in case the weather gets cold.

The restaurant is child-friendly. Valet parking is available. I would definitely recommend Raffi's Place and plan to visit again soon.

Raffi's Place address is 211 E. Broadway in Glendale. For reservations and to see menu visit info@raffisplace.com or call (818) 240-7411.

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