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Bread Vending Machine Review

Nicky The Critic

Hello everyone, as many of you may have noticed after coming back from Winter Break, there are a few new vending machines on campus. The machines I am talking about, of course, are the Just Baked machines located in both Fisher and the DOW. These machines have about 3 or 4 options to choose from (assuming they are stocked when you get to them) and the catalog for each one is different. I was very curious about them when I came on campus after my wonderful vacation, so I have decided to review the items in the DOW bread machine so you don't have to eat them yourself.

Wow Bao 2 pack 7/10:

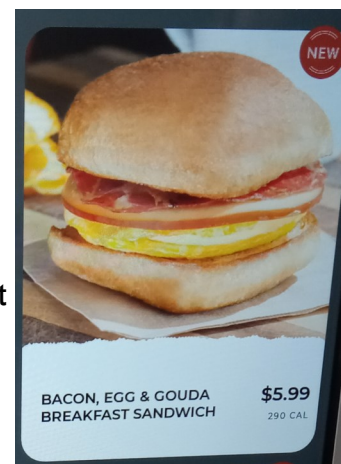
Our first item we are reviewing is the Wow Bao BBQ pork 2 Pack. If you don't know what Bao is, it is simply a nice squishy bun with some kind of filling inside, usually some kind of pork. The buns are then steamed in order to give them their pale appearance and so that they remain squishy. I must say, the buns for the Bao from this machine are pretty decent. They are light and look approximately as they should. The only thing I really dislike about the Bao is that it is filled with barbecue pork instead of a more traditional pork filling, but that is more of a



personal taste kind of thing. Overall, the presentation was pretty similar to the picture given on the machine and the taste wasn't awful. What is awful though is the price. For how it tastes and how much you get, it should not be \$7.99. Speaking in terms of calorie to price ratio, this is really quite egregious. If I wanted to go to Taco Bell, I could get much more food than two measly balls for \$7.99. Overall, I will be giving the Bao a 7 out of 10.

The Breakfast Sandwich 6/10:

The second item we are reviewing is the breakfast sandwich. The sandwich that comes from this machine is just like any other breakfast sandwich you can get at a gas station and that applies to both presentation and appearance but not price. You see, at a gas station, I could get one of these sandwiches for like three or four dollars, but here? Here they are a whopping \$6.25. It's not even a great sandwich, it's just a soggy microwaved sandwich. The only redeeming thing about it is that it is a breakfast sandwich and I love breakfast sandwiches. For that reason, it is getting a 6/10 on my purely objective rating scale.



Bread Vending Machine Review Cont.

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The White Castle 4 Pack Sliders 6/10:

The last item I want to talk about are the White Castle Sliders. Ever since I found out about these bad boys, I've been wanting to try them. The only reason why I didn't try them sooner is because they are nine dollars and always out of stock. That was until one Friday morning when the gods smiled upon my unfortunate quest and granted them to me. So, how are the sliders you may ask? Fine. They taste like white castle sliders. That's really it. If you were to have 4 cold white castle sliders laying around and you put them in a microwave, then this would be the result that would come out. It is completely average. Like, there are no additional words I can say if you have had white castle sliders before. If you haven't had a white castle slider before, then imagine a normal slider and now imagine it as fast food quality. Now you are imagining a white castle slider. It's a 6/10 for these bad boys purely because of how unmemorable they are.



Cinnamon Roll ??/10:

Last and least is the cinnamon roll and unfortunately, I haven't actually had this one as it is always out of stock when I want to try it and this article needs to come out today. So what can I say about this ephemeral treat? That it is, in all likelihood, mid as hell. From what I know about the Cinnamon Roll, it is smaller than average. Which is kind of disappointing. A nice big cinnamon roll from this machine would really make it something worthwhile but for \$5.25, it is probably cheaper to just buy some from a store. I can also hazard a guess judging from past experiences that the cinnamon roll probably just tastes ok. Since I haven't actually had the cinnamon roll, I can't rate it.

So, what have we learned today? That all the items from the bread machine in the DOW are merely ok. You aren't going to find anything spectacularly awful, but you aren't going to find anything great either. All you are really getting here is something defrosted from the freezer aisle at a grocery store that has then been microwaved. The one thing that the machine is good at is making sure your food is hot when you get it. If you don't have time to go to the mub and you are really hungry, then this may be a good choice for you. Thank you for coming to my TED Talk.

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