



David Chen's Chinese Restaurant

June 7, 2010

By Andrew Cataldo

Family owned and operated, David Chen's Chinese Restaurant has been serving Armonk quality Chinese cuisine for a little over eighteen years. It is a well-rounded restaurant with its delivery service, regular seating, and party room on the lower floor. All of that combined with traditional Chinese food attracts people from many neighboring communities in addition to the loyal customers of Armonk.

Growing considerably since day one, David Chen's has accumulated over 130 dishes, many of which offered as lunch specials. The specials come standard with a soup or an egg roll, white or fried rice, and a main dish. Generally the dish is slightly smaller than a dinner portion, but they still supply enough accoutrements to make it fulfilling. Starting with an egg roll, I was completely satisfied by its super crunchy exterior, and consistent texture through out the roll. After finishing off the first course I filled the void of time with their crispy wonton chips, with a dunk in the duck sauce it makes for a great side. My main dish of four treasures in garlic sauce offered an array of protein including chicken, shrimp, beef, and scallops, with an unsuspected bite of chili towards the end of each fork full. Most of the food was cooked appropriately, but the scallops were terribly rubbery which made them probably my least favorite part of the meal.

Aside from the food itself I also noted the decor; it has remained stagnant from my first dining experience there easily ten years ago. Although it might not be broken, it could use a little bit of fixing here and there.

All in all David Chen's has remained sufficiently intact over the years, staying consistently fair priced as well as friendly. With new establishments popping up under the same genre as David Chen's it is impressive that they have been able to hold onto their clientele, but I believe that there is comfort in the classics and that won't soon change.