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## Restaurant REVIEW: Num Pang



### Num Pang

21 East 12th Street

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[www.numpangnyc.com](http://www.numpangnyc.com)

OK so its not a restaurant but who cares... You're in, you eat, you're out. That's life, and Num Pang is all about that system when it comes to fast, fresh, and tasty goodness.

Num Pang recently opened maybe a few months ago and I was anxiously trying to find a place to have a good sandwich. I tend to stay away from the typical Subway and Quiznos. They make sandwiches, but where's the love? So I read about Num Pang and decided to give it a go. Looked good on paper and the ingredients were very interesting. I ordered the catfish sandwich and a cherry Chinese Cola. Paid the dude, took my ticket and settled in the seating area upstairs.



China Cherry Cola? I'm game. Had that kind of "off" taste, but I guess it's the herbs they put in it. Either that or the citric phosphorus. Either way it came in a bottle, it was cold, ultimately it was good.



The sandwich wasn't huge but it didn't need to be. It was stacked with fresh cucumbers, pickled carrots, cilantro, and chili mayo. The bread looked toasted but remained surprisingly soft. The fish was pan seared and glazed with a home made soy sauce.

The fish was great but I wished it were a little crunchier. The sweetness of the soy sauce seriously complimented the delicate flavors of the fish. All the other ingredients added their own distinct notes. You can taste each and every component sparingly. Also, a little too much chili mayo. There were bites where it was 50% mayo, 50% sandwich. Kudos to the bread! Great size, toasty, light, fluffy, and really held the ingredients together .

OVERALL: Cheap, delicious, and it's a sandwich! I can finally put the lid on Toasties and Wichcraft. Can't wait to try the remaining flavors.

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