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Photograph: Julie Lemberger
Brick Pressed Chicken at Baron's Restaurant

“Venue says: "Happy Hour 5-7 with Oyster Specials!"

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Just across the border of Clinton Hill in Bed-Stuy, young professionals hell-bent on securing a promising future populate a landscape that's gentrifying quick enough to make your head spin. In the midst of it all lies Baron's, a comfortable, farm-to-table chophouse that boasts tasty burgers, a short list of entrees, and a \$1 Happy Hour oyster special that keeps locals coming back. It's the same space as the defunct DeKalb Restaurant, and not much has changed with décor. A recent Sunday evening found us nestled in Baron's back room, a spacious cavern featuring walls and ceiling lined with frosted, small-paned windows salvaged from a psych ward, and outfitted with old wooden tables and pew seating from an old church. Work from local artists lined the walls; the WillyBjazz band played familiar favorites to an appreciative crowd. In the quieter front room, guests with children dined under a Gothic wooden chandelier as the bartender mixed drinks behind the tall bar decorated with an old metal railing from a local firehouse.

Dipping back our heads to slide cool, briny Sewansecott oysters down our gullets, we couldn't help but notice the tidy presentation of Baron's popular house ground beef burger (\$12), served on a wooden breadboard with a tiny galvanized pail of thick-cut fries. Chef Vitorio Bar touts his in-house butchering of Fresh Arcadian Pastures beef primals, saying it provides the tastiest, freshest cuts. We put it to the ultimate test by ordering the beef steak tartar (\$12), topped with a sunny orb of egg yolk. It proved exceptional (well deserving of a better accompaniment than the toasted sesame seed buns it came with). So much so that we followed it with the grilled NY Strip (\$26) au poivre, with creamed spinach and their famed cheddar polenta fries.

Although a bit more of the fat could have been trimmed, the steak was fresh, tasty and well-prepared. The polenta fries, available for \$7 as a side dish, were crisp on the outside, creamy and cheesy on the inside. An order of brick pressed chicken (\$18) drew raves from my dining companion, an avowed non-chicken lover. Served atop a pillow of mashed potatoes larded with braised bacon, mushrooms and chasseur sauce, the chicken was a lovely juxtaposition of crispy and smooth. Baron's offers a nice roster of whites and reds by the glass, as well as an impressive selection of whiskey and single malt scotch. For dessert, crack through the burnt-sugar crust of their crème brulee to reveal the wealth of silky-smooth custard nestled in a tiny Mason jar. With a simple but interesting menu of mostly familiar favorites -- with a few surprises, like their merguez lamb sandwich (\$14), reflecting the staff's Israeli roots -- Baron's does what it does well, without

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Baron's

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Brooklyn
11205**Cross street:**

between Nostrand Ave and Spencer St

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