

# Twigs and Sprigs yields homemade taste

Sustainable winery in Southern Indiana provides fresh cuisine and a unique menu for people seeking new flavors

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In a quaint and peaceful part of town in Commiskey, Indiana stands a family-owned and community-loved attraction, Stream Cliff Herb Farm. Perhaps the most notable aspect of the place is the country-home style restaurant, Twigs and Sprigs.

The one-story cottage sits towards the back of the farm, placed among the rows of buyable herbs and fruits that customers can pick up on their way in and out. Gravel paths lead their way through the garden to the patio of the home, where the hostess stand and crowded outdoor tables greet all who come to eat. From there, guests are led through the home and either sit in the dining or living room.

Both rooms are neatly cluttered with tables adorned with lace and fancy china. Mismatched wooden chairs, glittering chandeliers, dangling plants, and vintage antiques make the room glow. The menu continues this theme, seeing as the traditional family recipes appeal to the overall aesthetic.

Fresh tea are brewed daily from fruits, herbs, and flowers from the farm's garden. Among the most popular of the teas is the peach, though the restaurant provides a variety of daily flavors for customers to choose from. Coffee is also served through the morning and afternoon, as well as Coke products. Each main dish within the restaurant also has a drink pairing, and the staff are all informed well on recommendations of all teas and other beverages.

Though there aren't any specific appetizers listed on the menu, they do provide various a la carte items that can be ordered as customers please. Of the most popular is the fruit dish, which is also listed later on the menu as a dessert. This fruit dish is filled to the brim with fresh

pickings from the winery's garden. The fruit varies as they come in and out of season, but is always accompanied with whipped cream and a glass ice cream bowl.

For the main dishes, the most reoccurring and notable items are the birdseed pasta salad, cilantro lime chicken sandwich, and dill and rosemary chicken sandwich. These three classic dishes, as well as every dish, are served with a side of homemade chips and a garnish of edible flowers. Both sandwiches, as well as the commonly ordered Stream Cliff burger, are all served on fresh bread and made to order. The restaurant also caters to vegetarian and nut-free diets, like a vegetarian version of the Stream Cliff burger. This burger is replaced instead with a rice patty and plated the same as a classic burger, flower, lettuce, tomato and all.

During the summer, the restaurant also provides a summer music series where they provide live bands in the comfort of their nicely decorated barn, located towards the front of the farm. While audiences do come to hear the music, they also come for the limited time only barbecue buffet. Traditionally, the restaurant doesn't serve barbecue except for during this series. During the series, they also serve the regular restaurant menu and leave their main dining areas open as well for those looking for something a bit more quiet.

Though all their dishes are classics, the dessert is what the place specializes in. The molten lava brownie is a great choice for chocolate lovers seeking their fill. Piled high are layers of thick chocolate chip brownies, fudge, ice cream, and whipped cream. For those who like lighter desserts, the fruit and nut hummingbird cake is the obvious choice. It's great for those who are seeking a lighter option. The side fruit dish is also



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Fresh fruit displayed in a dish a la carte. This dish is one of many sides offered at Twigs and Sprigs.

offered on the dessert menu. These options, though they are all great, however, don't match the deserved hype around the famous blackberry cobbler. Huge glass dishes filled with blackberry cobbler and ice cream are constantly passed around

throughout the day, though they don't last long. The demand is so high that normally by the end of the day, it's sold out.

Everyone looks for something different when it comes to their choices in dining. People always

have their own taste and preferences, especially when it comes to food. When looking for freshly grown food, a lovely and natural aesthetic, and of course a comforting taste, Twigs and Sprigs is the perfect place to go.