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### New Christiansburg barbecue joint hits the spot

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I was so anxious to try the new Due South Pit Cooked BBQ that I showed up before the Christiansburg business had actually opened.

But you can understand my enthusiasm, I'm sure. As I've said in this column before, we need a good barbecue restaurant. We deserve it folks, and its madness that we didn't have one.

But we've got one now. And to prove that I'm not the only one who's been hankering for some good barbecue, I need only tell you that at 12:05 p.m. there was a line stretching out the door.

The restaurant is not fancy, but real nice. You order at the counter, then sit down and they'll bring your food to the table.

I ordered a lunch special: a sandwich, hush puppies and my choice of side (slaw, of course) for \$5.75.

They also serve up smoked chicken, pie, and something called a bean sandwich. The prices are a bit higher than a fast food restaurant, but, folks, we're talking about some mighty fine pulled pork here, so treat yourself.

I could tell this place knew barbecue when I saw the number of sauce bottles on the table. They were identified with masking tape labels as: Lexington, N.C., sauce; yellow sauce; sweet red; and hot red.

I decided to try some of each on my sandwich, which was loaded with a huge, chunky pile of meat.

The Lexington sauce was strong stuff. Vinegar based, of course, and with a good bite to it.

The yellow sauce was a nice surprise. I've tasted these mustard-based sauces down in South Carolina before and have found them to be a little too much. But this yellow sauce was just right. Mixed with the meat, it produced a wonderful savory flavor.

Then came the two red sauces. Normally, I'm not a big fan of red sauces, but these were both good, especially the hot red. Now, don't be scared off by the name. It's "hot red" not "red hot;" it's just a little bit spicy. Keep your sweet tea handy and you'll do fine.

**Bottom line:** It almost seems like cheating to eat barbecue this good right here at home

**Directions:** You'll find Due South Pit Cooked BBQ on Roanoke Road in Christiansburg, near the Starlight Drive-In.

**Note:** Great barbecue isn't my only wish that has been granted lately. The branches of the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library have finally started opening on Friday mornings. Gee, next thing you know someone will fix the car-mangling chasm in front of the Christiansburg Post Office and I won't have much left to complain about.