CANDENTE

HANDCRAFTED TEX-MEX
APPETIZERS

**CHILE CON QUESO – 10/13**

**TOP YOUR QUESO**
- chile toreados, taco meat, chicken fajita +2
- chopped brisket, beef fajita, texas red chili +3.50

**7 LAYER BEAN DIP – 14**
refried beans, chile con queso, texas red chili, taco meat, guacamole, pico, sour cream

**GUACAMOLE – 12/16**
fresh avocado mashed to order with garlic, lime, red onion, fresh serrano, cilantro

**NACHOS**
*MEDIUM OR LARGE*
all served with pico, guacamole & sour cream

- **BEAN & CHEESE**…………………………………….15/18
- **GROUND BEEF OR CHICKEN FAJITA**…………17/19
- **BEEF FAJITA**………………………………………20/23

**BRISKET NACHOS – 24**
½ lb chopped smoked brisket, refried beans, cheddar cheese, chopped white onion, pickled red onion, bbq sauce, salsa roja, cilantro, crema

**QUESADILLA**
*all served with pico, sour cream & guacamole*

- **SPINACH, MUSHROOM & POBLANO RAJAS**………………15
- **CHICKEN FAJITA**……………………………………16
- **BEEF FAJITA OR SHRIMP**…………………………18
- **SMOKED CHICKEN VERDE**…………………………18
  griddled jack cheese, poblano rajas, charred garlic

**SMOKED CHICKEN FLAUTAS – 18**
creamy avocado salsa, crema, queso fresco, pico de gallo, guacamole

**SMOKED PORK RIBS – 22/37**
*HALF RACK OR FULL RACK*
berkshire/duroc pork, ancho chipotle bbq sauce, cilantro, queso fresco, chile lime butter

**CEVICHE**

- **CANDENTE CEVICHE* – 16**
texas redfish, scallop, shrimp, citrus marinade, pico de gallo, avocado, tostada & side of hot sauce

- **SMOKED CAMPECHANA* – 16**
mussels, shrimp, octopus, mexican cocktail sauce, avocado, tostada & side of chopped jalapeño

- **SPICY SHRIMP AQUACHILE* – 15**
marinated gulf shrimp, cucumber, red onion, aquachile marinade, avocado, tostada & side of chopped serrano

- **CEVICHE TRIO* – 21**
each of our house ceviches served on mini tostadas with smashed avocado

**CEVICHES**

**BOTANAS**
*mexican appetizer samplers*

**NUMBER 1 – 58**
ground beef nacho, smoked chicken flauta, chicken fajita quesadilla, small chile con queso & guacamole

**NUMBER 2 – 74**
brisket nacho, smoked chicken flauta, smoked chicken verde quesadilla, ½ rack of ribs & guacamole

**NUMBER 3 – 97**
large beef fajita nacho, smoked chicken flauta, ceviche trio, ½ rack of ribs, large guacamole & 7 layer bean dip

**TORTILLA SOUP – 15**
shredded chicken, jack cheese, tortilla strips, avocado, cilantro

**TEXAS RED CHILI – 15**
cheddar, chopped white onion, sour cream, fritos on the side

**ELOTE SALAD – 14**
shredded lettuce, roasted corn salad, black beans, cucumber, pepitas, queso fresco, chopped tomato, creamy avocado dressing

**TACO SALAD**
shredded lettuce, cheddar, guacamole, pico de gallo, red onion, tortilla strips, jalapeño ranch dressing, taco sauce

**GROUND BEEF, SHREDDED CHICKEN OR CHICKEN FAJITA – 17**

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NO SUBSTITUTIONS ON BOTANAS, PLEASE!
DINNER

FAJITAS & CARNITAS
all items are served with grilled onions, pico de gallo, guacamole, cheddar, sour cream, chile lime butter, handmade flour or corn tortillas, rice & your choice of beans

PRIME NIMAN RANCH SKIRT STEAK*.................................................................37/57
PRIME NIMAN RANCH RIBEYE*.................................................................43/80
CHICKEN.........................................................................................................28/43
COMBO OF BEEF* & CHICKEN.................................................................34/51
SHRIMP.............................................................................................................30/47
PORTABELLA MUSHROOM & PEPPERS.....................................................23/34
PORK CARNITAS..............................................................................................26/34

ADD-ONS

JALAPEÑO CHEDDAR LINK – 6 (EA)
½ RACK PORK RIBS – 19
QUAIL – 12 (EA)

3 JUMBO CHILE LIME SHRIMP – 15
3 SHRIMP BROCHETTE – 15
CHEESE CHILE RELLENO – 7 (EA)

GRILL COMBINATIONS
all items are served with grilled onions, pico de gallo, guacamole, cheddar, sour cream, chile lime butter, handmade flour or corn tortillas, rice & your choice of beans

THE LAREDO – 39
half rack of ribs & carnitas

THE MATAMOROS – 45
beef fajita* & 3 jumbo chile lime shrimp

THE ZAPATA – 56
beef fajita*, 1 quail, 3 shrimp brochette

FEAST #1 – 73
medium combo fajita, carnitas, jalapeño cheddar link, 3 jumbo chile lime shrimp, cheese chile relleno

FEAST #2 – 83
medium combo fajita, carnitas, 1 quail, 3 shrimp brochette, cheese chile relleno

FEAST #3 – 107
large combo fajita, carnitas, jalapeño cheddar link, 3 jumbo chile lime shrimp, 3 shrimp brochette, cheese chile relleno

FEAST #4 – 128
large combo fajita, carnitas, 1 quail, jalapeño cheddar link, 3 jumbo chili lime shrimp, 3 shrimp brochette, ½ rack of ribs, cheese chile relleno

TACOS BIRRIA DE RES – 28
smoked & braised beef short rib and beef shank, griddled asadero cheese, beef consomé, salsa macha, cilantro, red onion, bone marrow

THE TAMPIQUEÑA – 45
9 oz niman ranch prime ribeye* topped with two cheese enchiladas, grilled onions, chile lime butter, chopped white onion

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**DINNER**

**TEX-MEX TRADITIONS**

served with rice & refried beans

**CHEESE ENCHILADAS – 16/18**
chile gravy, cheddar & american cheese, chopped white onion

**BEEF ENCHILADAS – 17/19**
chile gravy, ground beef, cheddar & american cheese, chopped white onion

**SMOKED CHICKEN VERDE ENCHILADAS – 17/19**
tomatillo sauce, jack cheese, queso fresco, chopped red onion

**BLACK BEAN ENFRIJOLADAS WITH AVOCADO – 16/18**
jack cheese enchiladas topped with black bean sauce, queso fresco, cilantro

**BRISKET ENCHILADAS – 22/23**
chopped smoked brisket and cheddar, chile con queso, bbq sauce, chopped white onion, pickled red onion

**TACOS & BURRITOS**

served with rice & refried beans

**CRISPY TACOS – 2 FOR 17/3 FOR 19**
ground beef, shredded lettuce, cheddar, red onion, chopped tomato, taco sauce

**TACOS AL CARBON**
top with queso +2

CHICKEN FAJITA .................................................20
BEEF FAJITA*.........................................................25

**THE FRITO BURRITO – 17**
texas red chili, cheddar, queso, chopped white onion

**BURRITO GRANDE**
smothered with choice of chile con queso or chile gravy and stuffed with refried beans & cheddar cheese

GROUND BEEF OR CHICKEN FAJITA.................20
BEEF FAJITA*.........................................................24

**COMBOS**

served with rice, refried beans & guacamole salad

**EL DIRECTOR – 22**
beef enchilada, cheese enchilada, crispy beef taco

**POLLO AL CANDENTE – 22**
chicken verde enchilada, smoked chicken flauta, chicken tostada

**LA BANDERA* – 29**
cheese enchilada, chicken verde enchilada, black bean enfrijolada, brisket enchilada

**PLATO ÉPICO – 25**
chicken taco al carbon, cheese enchilada, cheese chile relleno, crispy beef taco

**DON MIGUEL – 32**
beef taco al carbon, beef enchilada, cheese enchilada, jalapeño cheese tamale, cheese chile relleno

*CANDENTE FOR CAMP HOPE

Dine for good with the newest Tex-Mex special, La Bandera. $2 from every plate will be donated to Camp Hope—a safe place for combat veterans with PTSD.
LUNCH
MONDAY–FRIDAY 11AM TO 3PM

MINI BOTANA PLATTER – 19
ground beef nacho, chicken flauta, smoked chicken quesadilla, guacamole salad

ELOTE SALAD – 11
shredded lettuce, roasted corn salad, black beans, cucumber, pepitas, queso fresco, chopped tomato, creamy avocado dressing

ADD SALMON*...........................................................10
ADD CHICKEN FAJITA...............................................7
ADD BEEF FAJITA*.....................................................12

TACO SALAD
iceberg lettuce, cheddar, guacamole, pico de gallo, red onion, tortilla strips, jalapeño ranch

GROUND BEEF, SHREDDED CHICKEN
OR CHICKEN FAJITA...............................................15
BEEF FAJITA* OR SHRIMP.........................................22

INDIVIDUAL FAJITA
served with grilled onions, pico de gallo, guacamole, cheddar, sour cream, chile lime butter, homemade flour or corn tortillas, rice and your choice of beans

BEEF.....................................................................27
CHICKEN.............................................................21
COMBO....................................................................24
SHRIMP....................................................................22

GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST – 20
Topped with verde sauce and jack cheese, served with black bean soup, and guacamole and pico salad

GRILLED SALMON – 23
served with guacamole & pico salad

PICK TWO
choice of any two of the following items served with rice, refried beans & guacamole salad

CRISPY BEEF TACO
CHICKEN TOSTADA
CHEESE ENCHILADA
CHICKEN TORTILLA SOUP

TEXAS RED CHILI
BEEF ENCHILADA
JALAPEÑO CHEESE TAMALE
CHICKEN VERDE ENCHILADA

CANDENTE
If you ask someone what Candente means you won’t get the same answer twice. Some say “burning”, others “a hot topic”, or more literally “incandescent”. Now that you’re here, Candente means queso topped with chopped brisket, sea salt-rimmed margaritas and the best Tex-Mex this side of Montrose. Candente has many meanings, but one singular focus: Tex-Mex done right.

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AUTO-GRATUITY
For parties of 8 or more, a gratuity of 20% will be added.