



Justin Bell



## JUS BURGERS « Leederville

Since Justin Bell opened Jus Burgers in January, he and the rest of his crew have copped a hammering.

Constant queues snaking out the door within an hour of opening for dinner beg the question: are the burgers that good? Absolutely.

And the proof is not in the proverbial pudding, but the char-grill beating, burning and smoking away at the heart of the eatery's open kitchen.

Whether it's generous patties of lamb happily sizzling their way to pink-in-the-middle deliciousness, fillets of ubiquitous free-range Mt Barker chook being checked for done-ness or Harvey beef (wagyu optional for gourmands) being cooked to medium-rare perfection, there always seems to be something happening on the stove.

Keeping things tight and right in the pass is Justin; Jus Burgers may be a little more casual than some of the places the experienced chef has cooked at over his career (No. 44 King Street, Monza and Gusti will be most recognisable for local foodies), but it doesn't mean he's accepting complacency from his charges.

Under his guidance, the kitchen crams mucho delicioso between halves of white, wholemeal or gluten-free buns.

While flavour isn't a problem, floor space can be.

Be prepared to wait for a table during peak periods and if dining in a group, my advice is to arrive early as Jus Burgers isn't Leedy's most group-friendly venue.

But if it's meaty goodness and satisfaction barely contained by slices of warm Turkish bread, Jus Burgers is jus right.

### WHAT'S TO LIKE

**The \$5 meal deal** As if the burgers weren't hearty enough on their own, an extra fiver gets you

Wagyu burger



Coleslaw, tomato kasundi and salad

coleslaw, tomato kasundi (Indian tomato pickles, swappable for relish or ketchup) and your choice of chips or salad, all served on a nifty wooden chopping board.

**Flight WA 300** It might sound like a boarding call you'll hear at Perth domestic, but there's nothing plain about Jus Burger's menu sampler. Three 100g burgers of your choice, plus all the above sides, makes for a first-class eating experience.

**The Guvnor** How many takeaway joints do you know that would let you add foie gras (let alone know what you were talking about) to a burger?

Together with a meaty 250g of Harvey beef, this is the antithesis of Weight Watchers.

**The one thing I'd change** The food is ace and the Leederville location encourages frivolity in numbers; if only we could squeeze in bigger groups.

**Stats** 743 Newcastle St, Leederville, (08) 9228 2230. *Burger and sides: \$18*

**In a word** Bell-issimo

- BYO • Lunchtime specials
- Extensive menu • Super value