

The Difference of Graeters and Culvers Chocolate Ice Cream

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Since spring is right around the corner, it's a great time to go out for a cool treat with your friends. Both Graeters and Culvers are very close to lots of people in Powell.

Culvers is a trendy fast-food restaurant and is known for its famous butter burger but it also has some popularity for its custard. Graeters has been a very well-known ice cream parlor and is very popular in Powell. In this review, I ordered both chocolate with sprinkles and I was grading it on flavor, consistency, presentation, and timeliness.

When I went to Graeters I ordered one scoop of chocolate ice cream with sprinkles and it cost me \$5.25. I think it is a little pricey but it's hard to tell because there is so much inflation. I went through

the line fairly fast and all the workers were pretty nice too. In the end, the checkout process was easy and smooth. For the ice cream, the chocolate flavor was very rich and had a good "ice cream texture." It was just the right frozen consistency. This might sound picky but there were the perfect amount of sprinkles on the ice cream, it made the whole dish and flavors pull together. The presentation of the dish was also very nice, it wasn't sloppy at all. Overall based on the flavor, consistency, timeliness, and presentation I give this ice cream a 9/10.

For the Culvers ice cream, I had to wait a while for my ice cream and it cost me \$3.20. I also got the same 1 scoop with sprinkles. It took about 4 minutes for it to come

out and the portion was much smaller and had a different texture. It was more custard and was milkier than Graeters but the chocolate flavor was less present and tasted more artificial. The workers at Culver's were still very nice and because it took longer for my food to come out they gave me a free fry. The sprinkles on the ice cream were a little stale and crunchy which was a downside because the ice cream was so smooth and light. The presentation was alright, it was sloppier than Graeters but not bad, the design of the cup takes second place compared to Graeters.

Overall, I enjoyed Graeters ice cream more than Culvers, yet I would recommend both places for a classic chocolate ice cream.



This picture was right outside the Culvers in Powell.



This was taken inside the Graeters in Powell. Elaina Richardson '25 is featured in this photo as well, she is eating Graeters ice cream.