

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0254703 - POKE HOUSE PALO ALTO		Site Address 855 EL CAMINO REAL 9, PALO ALTO, CA 94301		Inspection Date 07/08/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 88		
Program PR0371600 - FOOD PREP / FOOD SVC OP 6-25 EMPLOYEES RC 2 - FP13			Owner Name FRESH TASTE LLC		Inspection Time 11:00 - 12:45			
Inspected By ALELI CRUTCHFIELD		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By ROSIE				FSC Rosa Centinov 12/3/2027

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02	Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						
K03	No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05	Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures		X					
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records	X						
K09	Proper cooling methods						X	
K10	Proper cooking time & temperatures						X	
K11	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding						X	
K12	Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13	Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14	Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized	X						
K15	Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16	Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17	Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18	Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19	Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods	X						
K20	Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21	Hot and cold water available	X						
K22	Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23	No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES		OUT	COS
K24	Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25	Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26	Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27	Food separated and protected	X	
K28	Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29	Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30	Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31	Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32	Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity	X	
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44	Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
K45	Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46	No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47	Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

K07 - 8 Points - Improper hot and cold holding temperatures; 11387.1, 113996, 113998, 114037, 114343(a)

Inspector Observations: Measured siracha aioli and miso aioli between 53-63F, spicy tuna, crab, salmon measured at 53-54F (prepared around 1030-11a). [CA] Maintain PHF's 41F and below at all times.

[COS] Raw fish was time marked and to be discarded in 4 hours 1030-230p. Aioli sauces made yesterday discarded.

Minor Violations

K27 - 2 Points - Food not separated and unprotected; 113984(a-d,f), 113986, 114060, 114067(a,d,e,j), 114069(a,b), 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c)

Inspector Observations: Raw salmon noted above ready to eat shrimp in seafood walk in cooler. [CA] Store raw seafood below ready to eat food. [COS]

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclean, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: Measured 3 door prep unit between 52-54F. No temp log sheet available for this unit. [CA] Maintain refrigeration that hold PHF's 41F and below. Ideal range is 35-38F.

Use other refrigeration unit until unit is prepared or provide ice baths for all seafood and mayo based sauces. Manager contacted service repair during inspection.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
crab, tuna, salmon	prep line	37.00 Fahrenheit	
salmon whole	seafood walk in	37.00 Fahrenheit	
ambinet	3 door black beverage unit	36.00 Fahrenheit	
tofu	produce walk in	41.00 Fahrenheit	
quat ammonium	dispenser at 3 comp sink	300.00 PPM	
warm water	hand sink	100.00 Fahrenheit	
brown rice	rice warmer	97.00 Fahrenheit	tphc 10A-2P
hot water	3 comp sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
chlorine	dishwasher	50.00 PPM	
cut tuna, crab	seafood walk in	38.00 Fahrenheit	
cut cherry tomatoes	prep line	39.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **7/22/2026**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

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Legend:

[CA]	Corrective Action
[COS]	Corrected on Site
[N]	Needs Improvement
[NA]	Not Applicable
[NO]	Not Observed
[PBI]	Performance-based Inspection
[PHF]	Potentially Hazardous Food
[PIC]	Person in Charge
[PPM]	Part per Million
[S]	Satisfactory
[SA]	Suitable Alternative
[TPHC]	Time as a Public Health Control



Received By: Rosie Cetina
Store Manager

Signed On: July 08, 2026