

EXTRA SPICE



VESPUCCI

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When patrons exclaim the last time they had a dish so good was 25 years ago, settle in for a treat. At Vespucci, owner Ray Farnood and his enthusiastic staff hear comments like this daily. With twenty years experience running a highly-successful catering company, Farnood and his two executive chefs, Emilio and Fati, recently opened this restaurant to share passionately-cooked “real” Italian cuisine. The menu reflects a handful of carefully chosen dishes

from every region in Italy, and patrons swear this is the closest you can get to the authentic cuisine of the old country. “This is pure Italian food,” Farnood explains, each ingredient cooked with a minimum of fuss to allow every flavor to be savored. One bite of spiedini di mozzarella, wonderfully crisp, deep fried breaded mozzarella drizzled with a delicate anchovy sauce, and it’s understandable why it took a fellow diner 25 years to rediscover such perfection. The delicate balance and attention to detail of each dish can be exquisitely complemented by the ever-growing selection of wines from northern, central and southern Italy, California and Virginia. The cozy lounge and intimate dining room come alive five nights a week with live music at the piano bar, while monthly wine dinners provide an exciting opportunity to enjoy exceptional food, wine and entertainment. The upcoming arrival of the outdoor patio will complete the scene.