



Facts About Coco Pazzo Restaurant

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When did Coco Pazzo open their doors?

Jack Weiss opened Coco Pazzo in the River North neighborhood of Chicago in February, 1992.

What does Coco Pazzo mean?

Coco Pazzo is Italian slang for crazy chef.

Where is Jack Weiss from?

Jack Weiss grew up in New York City. He worked in corporate marketing for 10 years before starting his career in the restaurant business. "There's just something special about being the author of a refined restaurant," says Jack. He began his restaurant career with the opening of Il Cantinori, in New York's Greenwich Village. It was there that Jack was introduced to the traditional recipes from Tuscany. Il Cantinori was unique because it embraced an authenticity that set it apart from the other Italian restaurants in New York.

Where else has Federico Comacchio been a chef?

In addition to working in Genoa and Milan for two Michelin Star restaurants, Federico worked with the Bice organization in Paris and Puerto Rico. In 2001 he realized his dream of coming to the states where he became executive chef at Phil Stefani's. Federico joined Coco Pazzo as executive chef in 2012.

What are some of the most popular dishes on the menu?

While the Coco Pazzo menus changes with the season, there are dishes that remain throughout the year due to guest demand. These include:

- Rigatoni alla Butera – House made fennel sausage, sweet peas, tomato, Parmesan and cream
- Bisteca Toscana – Grilled New York Strip, rosemary scented patate Toscana
- Cucciucco Livornese – Spicy Tuscan seafood stew
- Verdue al Cartuccio – Market vegetables baked in parchment paper

In addition to the Seal of Authenticity by the Italian government, what other recognition has Coco Pazzo received?

Additional recognition includes:

- The AAA Four Diamond award
- The DiRona Award (Distinguished Restaurants of North America)
- Multiple Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence
- The Wine Enthusiast Award of Distinction
- 3-Stars by the Chicago Tribune
- 3.5 Stars by the Chicago Sun Times
- Zagat: America's 1,000 Top Italian Restaurants

How many different bottles of wine are offered at Coco Pazzo?

While the selections change, typically there are about 200 wines on the Coco Pazzo wine list. All servers are educated on each wine by Wine Director Tamra Weiss and can offer knowledgeable suggestions to guests.

Who are some of the famous guests that have dined at Coco Pazzo?

From Barak Obama to Robin Williams, Maestro Riccardo Muti to the Mexican National Soccer Team, Coco Pazzo is a destination for a wide group of celebrities wanting superb Tuscan cuisine where they feel comfortable and their dining privacy is respected.