



FORLI'S RISTORANTE & BAR

Much of my earlier life involved travel across the five continents and being a real foodie type I spent a lot of effort in search of the "perfect" meal. We often traveled with friends who were food writers and run a cooking school so each meal was tasted with a discerning palate from Paris to Palermo, Carmel to Cape Town and at Kruger National Park, near Johannesburg. I even tasted the dried biltong of aardvark and springbok with a chocolate chaser. My passion for food writing never got me to the editor of edibles but I am always on the lookout (or a tasteout) for a really good meal. My due diligence is done in a notebook with special attention to presentation, service, taste and quality.

A local Alamo restaurant is worthy of mention because of their good food, excellent service, ambiance and friendliness. The Bay Area is world-famous for its Italian restaurants and there just happens to be a culinary gem right here in Alamo—THE NEW FORLI'S RISTORANTE & BAR offers authentic Italian cuisine at great prices.

Gabriele Davanzante, from Barletta in the Puglia region of Italy worked as a chef in Florence for two years before coming to San Francisco. Gabe and his wife Amy bought FORLI'S and partnered with Russ (Rosario) Belleci, a Sicilian-American and together they have formed an Italian fine dining restaurant specializing in the cuisine of Italy.

Russ Belleci's family emigrated from Isola delle Femmine, Sicily at the turn of the century and settled in California where they spread out their cultural nets to the fishing communities of the Sacramento River area, Monterey and San Francisco. The Sicilian families stepped from the fishing industry into the restaurant business and their unique cuisine has become legendary in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The New Forli's Ristorante & Bar offers live music in the lounge and fills up quickly each evening so reservations are recommended. The menu offers a variety of house specialties such as osso bucco, risotto Milano with saffron, prawns and arugula, homemade faggotino pasta stuffed with spinach, bechamel and topped with Bolognese sauce, lamb shoulder with mushrooms, pizza and calzone. The fresh seafood dishes offered are cioppino, salmon in a Champagne sauce, scallops, prawns and sauteed sole in lemon-butter sauce. The prices run from under \$20 to under \$30.

Forli's offers an extensive European and California wine list to compliment the Italian cuisine. Visit Gabe and Russ for the ultimate Italian "simpatico" experience.

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