



## **Golden Nugget Atlantic City's Grotto Ristorante Unveils New Head Chef and Menu**

*Head chef Carmine Favuzzi reinvigorates Grotto's classic Italian offerings with revamped menu*

**ATLANTIC CITY, NJ—DECEMBER 29, 2015**—Grotto Ristorante, located in the [Golden Nugget Casino, Hotel & Marina in Atlantic City](#), is proud to introduce new head chef Carmine Favuzzi and a [redesigned menu](#).

With the addition of Favuzzi, Grotto has reinvented its menu, incorporating seasonal ingredients and fresh pasta to complement the restaurant's extensive wine selection of more than 200 varieties, 70 percent of which are Italian.

Originally from Molfetta, Italy, Favuzzi studied Italian cuisine at the [Culinary Institute of Bari](#). Upon graduation, Favuzzi worked in the kitchen of several five-star Italian hotels before coming to America, where he held several chef positions for Italian restaurants in New Jersey and Indiana. Favuzzi received awards for his work in the [American Lamb Recipe Challenge](#) and as a chef for Primavera, which was [named best Italian restaurant in South Jersey](#) by The Press of Atlantic City.

Designed by Favuzzi, the revamped menu offers 40 items and maintains three infamous guest favorites: bruschetta, the Grotto salad, and the tomato basil soup. New dishes such as Peperoni Arrostiti Siciliani, Arugula Salad, Rigatoni Siciliano, Fileto Di Branzino, Scarpariello Di Pollo, and pizzas made in the wood fire oven combine old-school classics and contemporary Italian cuisine.

"The new menu specializes in Northeastern Italian Cuisine, and was developed for our clientele and its distinct palate for fine Italian dining," says Carmine Favuzzi. "Grotto emulates the feeling of eating your Italian grandmother's dishes, with a modern flair. Each new menu item has been carefully crafted from an authentically developed recipe, and is served in the upbeat, fun atmosphere unique to Grotto."

Grotto Ristorante's impeccable service and superb cuisine is ensured day-to-day by Assistant General Manager Melissa Smith and Chefs Dennis Caraballo and Jackson Carcache. Their unsurpassed passion for detail provides an ideal location for friends and family to enjoy a meal together.

### **ABOUT GOLDEN CASINO, HOTEL & MARINA**

The Golden Nugget Casino, Hotel & Marina, located on Frank S. Farley Marina is a premier resort destination, offering guests 724 luxury guest rooms and suites. The entire property takes on a fresh, modern look and includes a high-energy casino featuring the most popular slot and video poker machines, table games, and poker room; nightly entertainment, bars and lounges, stylish retail offerings,

as well as Landry's signature world-class restaurants such as Chart House and Vic & Anthony's Steakhouse; a luxury six million dollar spa and salon; and H2O poolside lounge; and Atlantic City's newest and hottest nightclub, Haven. Landry's Inc. successfully introduced first-class accommodations, exquisite dining options and fun-filled entertainment venues unlike anything else available in Atlantic City with the Golden Nugget Casino, Hotel & Marina. The Golden Nugget has strong brand recognition worldwide with locations in both Las Vegas and Laughlin, NV, Biloxi, MS and Lake Charles, LA.

Hotel reservations and additional information are available by calling 800-777-8477 or by visiting <http://www.goldennugget.com/atlanticcity/>.

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