



# Sample Custom Menu Options

Italian dinner party prix fixe menus & Cena con Amici chef-selected sample menu on pg 10-12

### Hors d'oeuvres (choose 2):

- Chicken liver mousse pate (GF)
  - o Crostini, pickled cherry-onion mostarda
- Ham and gruyere gougeres
  - Light and airy savory baked choux pastry flavored with black forest ham and gruyere cheese
- Creamy roasted garlic cherry tomatoes (GF)
  - o Cherry tomatoes stuffed with a creamy roasted garlic cheese filling
- "Sparkling" cranberry-brie bites (GF)
  - o Sugared fresh cranberries, brie cheese, almond cracker
- Calabrian chile-lamb arancini (GF)
  - o Fried Calabrian chile risotto ball stuffed with lamb ragu
- Mushroom arancíní (GF)
  - Crispy fried mushroom risotto ball stuffed with fresh mozzarella cheese
- Mini beef wellingtons (+ \$7 pp surcharge)
  - o Beef tenderloin, garlic-herb cheese, puff pastry
- Pecorino-pear crostini (GF)
  - Pecorino-pink peppercorn spread, marsala-poached pears, lavender honey, crispy pancetta
- Wild salmon-artichoke ceviche (GF)
  - o Artichoke leaf with wild salmon, lemon, caper, artichoke heart, dill ceviche
- Red pepper crab croquettes (GF)
  - o Red pepper, lump crab meat, creamy roasted red pepper dipping sauce
- Caprese Skewers (GF)
  - Fresh mozzarella bocconcini, basil, grape tomato, aged balsamico di Modena, extra virgin olive oil, Hiwa Kai black lava salt





- Charcuterie (GF)
  - A selection of cheeses, salumi, fruit compote, olives, crackers
- Smoked salmon cucumber pinwheels (GF)
  - Smoked wild salmon, capers, orange zest, cream cheese, dill, chives, cucumber
- Potato Samosas
  - o Garam masala, coríander, gínger, pomegranate
- Buckwheat blini with caviar (+ \$6 pp surcharge) (GF)
  - o Mini buckwheat pancakes, caviar, crème fraiche, lemon zest, chives
- Rícotta Crostíní (GF)
  - o Hand-dipped ricotta, lavender honey, toasted pistachios
- Prosciutto-wrapped Fig (GF)
  - o Fresh fig, prosciutto di Parma, chevre, aged balsamico di Modena
- Ahi coconut ceviche (+ \$4 pp surcharge) (GF)
  - o Lime-cured Ahi tuna, young coconut, ginger, serrano, plantain chips
- Chorizo-potato Empanadas
  - o Smoked paprika, masa harina, chipotle
- Piquíllo "poppers" (GF)
  - o Carnítas, manchego, smoked papríka, saffron-corn crema

First Course options (soup/salad/appetizer):

- Asparagus and Leek Soup (GF)
  - o crème fraiche, asparagus tips, thyme, chevre, frizzled leeks
- Butternut squash soup (GF)
  - o Granny smith apple, cider cream, sage
- Heirloom Tomato Gazpacho (GF)
  - o Basíl-crème fraiche sorbet, Hiwa Kai black lava salt
- White gazpacho (GF)
  - o Toasted almond, white grape sorbet





- Red Pepper Bísque (GF)
  - Roasted red pepper, crème fraiche, basil chiffonade
- Lobster Bisque (+ \$12 pp surcharge) (GF)
  - o lobster tail, brandy, sherry, lobster stock
- Bistro Salad (GF)
  - o Hearty greens, gently-poached egg, pancetta vinaigrette, asparagus
- Cítrus Crab Salad (+ \$11 pp surcharge) (GF)
  - o Lump crab, mint, dill, Greek yogurt, bibb lettuce, avocado
- Caramel Apple Salad (GF)
  - o arugula, radicchio, sliced apple, caramelized pecans, cider vinaigrette
- Roasted beet carpaccio (GF)
  - o orange vinaigrette, chevre, fleur de sel
- Baked vegetable ratatouille (GF)
  - o squash, tomato, roasted pepper piperade, balsamic reduction
- Winter Caprese salad (GF)
  - Slow roasted tomatoes, burrata cheese, basil, aged balsamico di Modena, extra-virgin olive oil, Hiwa Kai black lava salt
- Heirloom Caprese Salad (GF)
  - Heirloom tomatoes, basil, burrata cheese, aged balsamico di Modena, extra-virgin olive oil, Hiwa Kai black lava salt
- Caesar Salad (GF)
  - o crispy parmigiano frico, lemon-caper-anchovy caesar dressing, garlic schiacciata croutons
- Antípasto Salad (GF)
  - roasted peppers, artichoke hearts, prosciutto, salami, parmigiano reggiano
- Ginger-coconut salad (GF)
  - Bok choy, shitake mushroom, snowpeas, crispy edamame, toasted coconut, ginger-coconut vinaigrette





- Cherry Arugula Salad with Crispy Goat Cheese (GF)
  - o crispy goat cheese croquette, chianti-soaked cherries, cherry vinaigrette
- Potato Saffron Tortílla (GF)
  - o Spanish egg frittata, baby greens, sherry vinaigrette
- Tropical scallop ceviche (+ \$10 pp surcharge)
  - o Lime-cured sea scallops, hearts of palm slaw, grapefruit, tangelo
- Steamed mussels (+ \$2 pp surcharge) (GF)
  - o Saffron, sherry, garlíc broth
- Chilled citrus-beet soup (GF)
  - Roasted beets, grapefruit, tangerine, mint, chives, chevre goat cheese

Second Course Options (pasta/rice; all can be made GF):

- Lobster-corn ravioli (+ \$5pp surcharge)
  - Handmade ravioli stuffed with fresh langostino lobster and sweet corn lightly dressed with lemon-herb butter, shellfish stock, corn, & cherry tomatoes
- Truffle-hazelnut ravioli (+ \$8pp surcharge)
  - Black summer truffle, toasted hazelnut, rícotta, chevre, black truffle butter
- Goat cheese ravioli
  - Handmade ravioli stuffed with fresh chevre goat cheese, ricotta, pecorino Romano, & roasted garlic. Served with roasted red pepper pesto, toasted almonds, and fresh basil
- Spinach-artichoke ravioli
  - Handmade ravioli stuffed with sautéed spinach & artichokes, mascarpone,
    & ricotta, with vodka tomato-cream sauce, parmigiano reggiano
- Black truffle gnocchí (+ \$7 pp surcharge)
  - o Black truffle butter, wild mushroom
- Butternut squash ravioli





- Sage-infused pasta, sage brown butter, shaved aged gouda, toasted
  pinenuts
- Mushroom-mascarpone ravioli (+ \$3pp surcharge)
  - Handmade ravioli stuffed with porcini, shitake, & crimini mushrooms, black truffle, & mascarpone cheese with truffle cream sauce
- Duck caponata tortellíní (+ \$2pp surcharge)
  - o Braised local duck, eggplant, olives, capers, golden raisins, aged balsamic
- Lemon artichoke risotto
  - o white wine-braised artichokes, thyme, parmigiano reggiano
- Sweet pea rísotto
  - fresh English & sugarsnap peas, mint, local pea shoots, parmigiano reggiano
- Wild mushroom-truffle risotto (+ \$5pp surcharge)
  - porcíní, medley of fresh mushrooms, rosemary, parmigiano reggiano, black truffle butter
- Sage-squash Risotto
  - o Roasted winter squash, crispy sage, grana padano
- Vanilla Lobster Risotto (+ \$12 pp surcharge)
  - o vanilla bean, lobster tail, lemon zest

Main Course Options (all can be made GF):

- Porchetta (only available for parties of 6 or more)
  - Classic Italian pork belly-loin roast stuffed with fennel pollen, sage, rosemary, chile, and garlic
  - o Creamy pecorino polenta, Tuscan kale, crispy cracklins
- Seared sea scallops with sundried tomato-basil relish (+\$4pp surcharge) (only available for parties of 8 or less)
  - o sunchoke puree, aged balsamic
- Beef brisket-mushroom ragu





- Braised local organic grass-fed beef brisket/short ribs, roasted portabello, porcini, truffle fontina crust
- Rosemary-smoked Chilean Seabass (+ \$10 pp surcharge)
  - wild mushroom risotto cake, mushroom-leek ragout, frizzled leeks, pinot noir buerre rouge
- Lemon-caper wild salmon
  - o Lemon-caper-parsley salsa verde, dill quinoa, roasted asparagus
- Fennel-cítrus Arctic Char
  - o Fennel-orange-olive slaw, citrus glaze, celery root puree
- Seared Ahi tuna steak (served rare, + \$6 pp surcharge)
  - o grapefruit and fennel slaw, white bean puree
- Cherry-port rack of lamb (+ \$8 pp surcharge)
  - o cherry port demi-glace, creamy polenta parmigiana, roasted asparagus
- Fig-sage stuffed pork loin
  - o Balsamic-fig reduction, crispy sage, sweet potato puree
- Cider-braised short ribs
  - o chestnut puree, stone fruit chutney, kale slaw
- Moroccan-braised chicken
  - o Bone-in chicken, dates, preserved lemon, olives, almonds, couscous
- Chicken Florentine roulade
  - Chicken breast, goat cheese, spinach, roasted garlic-mascarpone mashed potatoes
- Pistachio-herb crusted rack of lamb (+ \$8 pp surcharge)
  - Pístachio pesto, herbed breadcrumbs, white wine-herb jus, creamy polenta, guanciale-roasted asparagus
- Chipotle-pomegranate braised shortribs (+ \$5 pp surcharge)
  - Self-saucing butternut squash-egg raviolo, wilted bitter greens, chipotlepomegranate glaze
- Sauteed Duck Breast (+ \$12 pp surcharge)





- Local duck breast, balsamic-fig demi-glace, cayenne candied bacon, swiss chard, root vegetable puree
- Mushroom-stuffed beef tenderloin (+ \$13 pp surcharge)
  - Morel, porcíní, shítake, oyster mushrooms, rosemary cabernet bordelaíse, parsníp puree
- Horseradish-dijon beef tenderloin (+ \$13pp surcharge)
  - Roasted garlic mashed potatoes, roasted asparagus
- Honey-chipotle pork tenderloin
  - o Charred corn poblano relish, tamale cake, queso fresco
- Filet Oscar (+ \$14 pp surcharge)
  - o Beef tenderloin, béarnaise sauce, Alaskan snow crab, roasted asparagus

Fourth Course Options (dessert):

- Raspberry dark chocolate chip sorbet (GF)
  - o baked chocolate meringues
- Strawberry basil sorbet (GF)
  - o balsamic-roasted rhubarb, tuile bowl
- Crème Brulee (GF)
  - o lavender, fresh berríes
- Chocolate-raspberry mousse parfaits (GF)
  - o Ghíradellí 60% dark chocolate, raspberry coulís, fresh raspberry
- Gianduja chocolate-hazelnut mousse (GF)
  - Ghiradelli 60% dark chocolate, chocolate-hazelnut spread, toasted hazelnuts
- Lemon olive oil cake
  - o Thyme, candied lemon, lemon glaze
- Pomegranate sorbet (GF)
  - o pumpkin seed brittle, spiced meringue cup
- Classic tiramisu (GF)





- Marsala-mascarpone zabaglione custard, espresso-dipped ladyfingers, shaved dark chocolate
- Peach-amarettoTíramísu (GF)
  - Toasted almonds, ladyfingers, amaretti cookie crumbs, peachmascarpone coulis, vanilla bean sea salt
- Strawberry-limoncelloTiramisu (GF)
  - Macerated strawberries, strawberry-limoncello coulis, ladyfingers, prosecco-mascarpone zabaglione custard, white chocolate
- Coconut-cítrus Panna Cotta (GF)
  - o Rum-macerated citrus, bruleed tropical fruit, toasted coconut
- Olive Oil Gelato & Ricotta Fritters
  - Sicilian extra-virgin olive oil, creamy ricotta donuts, lemon curd, blueberrybalsamic coulis, toasted pinenuts
- Pína Colada Sorbet (GF)
  - o Grílled pineapple, toasted coconut
- Flourless chocolate cake (GF)
  - 0 Ghiradelli 60% dark chocolate, berry coulis, fresh berries





### Sample Custom Menu Pricing

(See next page for prix fixe Italian dinner party menus/pricing and Cena con Amici example menu)

- \*Pricing <u>exclusive</u> of facility rental fee/standard travel charge, premium menu/special diet upgrade charges, extended travel charges (beyond 40 mile radius of 46307 or 25 mile radius of 63104), premium date upgrade charge (Fri-Sun weekend upcharge, Holiday upcharge), sales tax, and service charge that will be added to your final bill.\*
- Event may be hosted in your home or our café space in Lafayette Square.
- The following minimums must be met for all on-site or off-site private events in STL (\$2800 minimum for all Chicagoland events)
  - o Weekends (Frí, Sat, Sun): \$1500 mínímum on-síte at cafe/\$1800 mínímum off-síte
  - o Weekdays: \$500 minimum on-site at cafe/\$1000 minimum off-site
- A \$500 deposit is required to officially book your event and reserve the date and is NON-REFUNDABLE within 6 weeks of your event.
- Your final guest count & final menu must be confirmed at least1 week prior to your event. Once confirmed, NO changes may be made except with prior approval of Vicini/A NEW DAWN at our discretion. Host will still be charged for any "No show" guests accounted for in the confirmed Final guest count.

6 courses

#### \$100/person\*

Choose 2 hors d'oeuvres, 2 first course options, 1 second course, 1 third course, and 1 dessert

5 courses

#### \$90/person\*

Choose 2 first course options and 1 second course, 1 third course, and 1 dessert OR

Choose 2 hors d'oeuvres and 1 dísh from each of the other 4 course groups above

- 4 courses
  - Choose 1 dish from 4 of the course groups above

#### 3 courses

<u>\$65/person\*</u>

<u>\$80/person\*</u>

Choose 1 first course option (soup/salad/appetizer), 1 second course option (pasta/risotto), and 1 dessert option.





### Italian Dinner Party Prix Fixe Menus

## Rustic Tuscany (\$85/person\*)

<u>Antipasto della casa</u> assorted cured meats, cheeses, crostini, and fantasia della chef

<u>Picí cacio e pepe</u> Tuscany's most loved dish! Hand-rolled thick spaghetti pasta with a simple sauce of pecorino and black pepper

### <u>Polpette</u>

Hand-rolled meatballs of local organic grass-fed beef and pasture-raised pork with pecorino, garlic, and parsley, simmered in pomodoro sauce.

<u>Contorní</u> Two-three seasonal síde díshes

<u>Cantuccini</u> Crunchy twice-baked almond-orange cookies

## Refined Tuscany (\$105/person\*)

<u>Sformatino di pecorino</u> pecorino cheese custard with sliced pears, lavender honey, and fennel pollen

<u>Gnocchi di patate con zafferano e pecorino</u> Potato-semolina dumplings with a creamy saffron-pecorino sauce





<u>Cacciucco</u> Tuscan seafood stew

<u>Contorní</u> Two-three seasonal síde díshes

<u>Crema bruciata al caffé</u> Espresso-infused baked custard with a crisp burnt sugar crust and dark chocolatecoated coffee beans.

## Regional Italian (\$95/person\*)

<u>Ríbollíta (Tuscany)</u> Hearty peasant-style vegetable, bean, and bread stew

<u>Risotto con funghi e tartufo bianco (Piedmont)</u> creamy Arborio risotto with seasonal mushrooms and white truffle

<u>Ossobuco (Lombardy)</u> Veal/beef shanks braised with tomato, wine, and aromatics until fork tender, lemonherb gremolata

<u>Tiramisu (Veneto)</u> Espresso-dipped savoiardi, zabaglione custard, shaved dark chocolate





### SAMPLE Cena con Amici ("Dinner with Friends") Menu

No pre-set menu, chef-selected seasonal menu will be revealed at the event \$90-125/person\*, served family-style

### <u>Antipasti della casa</u>

Bountiful spread of assorted local and imported Italian cured meats and cheeses, crostini, and "fantasia della chef" (market-driven small bites from the chef's imagination)

### <u>Primo</u>: Pici cacio e pepe

Hand-rolled thick rope-shaped pasta with a simple sauce of pecorino Toscano , cracked black pepper, and toasted olive oil breadcrumbs.

### <u>Secondo:</u> Maiale al latte

Local pork shoulder braised in milk, lemon, and Tuscan herbs until tender and succulent. **Contorni (sides):** Sicilian fennel-blood orange salad Pancetta-wrapped asparagus with salsa verde Creamy polenta parmigiano

#### Dolce: Tiramisu alla pesca

*Seasonal twist on tiramisu with local summer peaches, amaretto, toasted almonds, & vanilla bean sea salt.*