



Facts About Coco Pazzo Café

When did Coco Pazzo Café open their doors?

Influenced by the cafés that line the piazzas in Italy, Jack Weiss opened Coco Pazzo Café in the Streeterville neighborhood of Chicago in 1996. After 20 years at the same location, in 2017 he moved the restaurant, due to skyrocketing rent, to the space occupied by his Roman inspired restaurant, Tre, Soldi. The success of Tre Soldi's Roman cuisine motivated Jack to create a new Coco Pazzo Cafe menu with both time-honored Tuscan favorites and Roman inspired dishes

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 did Jose Ovalle get his culinary passion?

Jose's passion for cooking stems from his family's work in the restaurant and hospitality industry. He is self-taught, learning specific techniques from the restaurants where he previously worked, including Tutto Posto Mediterranean Table and Spiaggia. Jose joined the Coco Pazzo family in 2012.

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

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

Pollo Milanese – Crispy chicken breast, arugula, tomato

Lasagna – With meat and a creamy béchamel sauce

Amatriciana – Bucatini pasta, pancetta, tomato, onion, garlic, chilies

Soppressata Pizza – Ultra thin crust, spicy soppressata, tomato, mozzarella, peperoncino

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

While the selections change, typically there are about 100 different bottles of wines on the Coco Pazzo Café wine list. All servers are educated on each wine by Wine Director, Tamra Presley Weiss and can offer knowledgeable suggestions to guests.