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Pizzico, an authentic taste of Italy

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Looking for authentic Italian cuisine made to order in Old World style? Look no further than the Nashua favorite Pizzico, established in 1996. Originally, Pizzico's founder Vito Mannino searched for a catchy name that would represent true native Italian cuisine. In the meantime, Vito's brother Francesco was enjoying a leisurely drive through Milan, Italy when he came across a restaurant called Spizzico, meaning "half a pinch" in Italian. This gave Vito a bright idea; he would name the restaurant Pizzico, which means, "full pinch" because, after all, a full pinch is always better.

Vito ran the business until 2005 when it was purchased by his brother Francesco and Giuseppe Volo. Since then, the business has grown in popularity and doubled in size. Locals credit the fantastic food with

the restaurant's growth. Pizzico offers an extensive menu of authentic Italian dishes, all made from scratch, including pasta, sauces, dough, breads, and a signature homemade Balsamic Vinaigrette salad dressing. Best sellers include Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Piccata, and numerous pasta dishes that taste just like Grandma used to make. Patrons with specific tastes or those who enjoy experimenting with flavors can order their favorite dishes made to order.

For customers who prefer to relax a bit before a meal, the Pizzico Martini Bar offers cocktails perfect for capping a hard day's work or kicking off dinner with with that special someone. Additionally, Pizzico hosts business meetings and social events, such as wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, anniversaries, and



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Tammy Marini; manager/bartender at the Merrimack Restaurant.



Assistant manager, Tracy Beardsell serves up some Italian fare at the Merrimack restaurant.

christenings, in a private room that comfortably accommodates 60. Catering services are also available, with a wide array of menu options that would jumpstart the appetites of any guests.

Pizzico offers two convenient locations in Nashua and Merrimack, both open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week. If great tasting, authentic Italian food served with

warm, welcoming hospitality sounds like what you're looking for, please visit the Pizzico location near you, and experience a genuine taste of Italy.

For more information, please visit www.pizzicorestaurant.com.