



Best Italian: La Cisterna Restaurant

La Cisterna Restaurant has been a Mineola, Long Island landmark for over 30 years. The perfect blending of exceptional Italian cuisine, attractive setting and attentive service ensures a memorable dining experience. The well-spaced dining room in an “intimate jewel box of a room” that is “almost like eating in Rome,” quotes *Zagat 2002*.

The restaurant’s setting is surrounded by large murals of 19th-century rustic scenes, white table linens, indirect lighting and fresh table flowers. The romantic sounds of Bocelli and other notable Italian artists fill the air, creating an intimate atmosphere for an exceptional dining experience. Chef/Owner Angelo Morinelli is there to personally assist in your culinary adventure each evening, moving from table to table.

Chef Angelo offers an array of creative and well-prepared menu items from the classic osso buco to avant garde entrees, including Ostrich au Poivre and Veal Chop in Juniper Berry Sauce. The restaurant’s signature dish, Swordfish Castello, is fresh and filled with the superb flavors of honey Dijon mustard, cranberries, raisins and honey. La Cisterna also offers choices not normally found on a Neapolitan table; venison, rabbit and pheasant. Daily specials using fresh seasonal ingredients are featured, as well as notable excellent veal and pastas.



Farfalla with a portabella mushroom sauce.

La Cisterna is a restaurant of activities galore. In addition to monthly opera nights with live music and wine tasting dinners, Chef Angelo also conducts in-restaurant cooking demonstrations, a Monday night series where attendees enjoy a complete dinner with complimentary wine. If you can’t attend a class, Chef Angelo will gladly come to your home with his unique “Rent-A-Chef” program. He’ll take you and your guests from soup to nuts in food preparations and techniques.



Steamed mussels, clams, shrimp, calamari and scallops in a garlic tomato broth.

Private parties or special events can be accommodated for up to 75 people and catering, on- and off-premise is available.

Come experience La Cisterna at 109 Mineola Blvd., Mineola. The restaurant is open seven days a week. Lunch is served from 11am until 3pm, while dinner can be served from 5:30 until 9:30pm. Check average is \$45 for dinner and \$20 to \$25 for lunch. All major credit cards are accepted and reservations are suggested.

Please call (516) 248-2112. Chef Angelo is personally waiting to hear from you.



Chicken Princess: Chicken breast with asparagus, and melted Fontina with a mushroom champagne sauce served with linguini and oil.