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Applewood Inn Introduces “Tutto Italiano”

Destination restaurant offers Sonoma County Culinary exploration with “Everything Italian”

GUERNEVILLE, Calif., March 10, 2004 – Now Sunday and Monday evenings are “Tutto Italiano” at the Russian River Valley’s Applewood Inn. Diners travel through a “cicchetti,” or small plate menu, featuring glorious authentic Italian fare from Palermo, Naples, Rome, Venice and Bologna.

As in Italy, the distinct dishes are light, seasonally fresh, intensely flavored and inspired by the bounty of a rich agricultural community. When an Italian family and friends gather to enjoy the plethora of tastes on a small plate menu, the accompaniment is most often a regional wine. The sommelier at Applewood has chosen more than 25 wines from across Italy to supplement it’s award winning Sonoma County wine list and complement the new small plate menu.

“The inspiration for our “Everything Italian” menu comes from our own deep connection to the incredible cuisines of Italy. We want to share with our Sonoma County neighbors and friends, as well our inn guests, the wide range of specialties that we have discovered. The final ingredient to our plan to expand to seven nights a week with “Tutto Italiano’s” small plate, small price service on Sunday and Monday was the addition of Chef Gabrielle Dery’s intense culinary creativity,” say Applewood Inn owners Darryl Notter and Jim Caron.

Culinary adventurers can forage the menu for tempting tastes to share, like Roasted Treviso with Gorgonzola Cream and Walnuts (\$6); Spicy Shrimp with Fennel, Orange and Ceci Bean Stew (\$7); “Salumi Misti” with prosciutto, Bresaola, Mortadella and Salame (\$9) and Broccoli Rabe with Chili and Lemon (\$5). “Secondi” plates are larger and currently include Buccatini with Pork Bolognese, Parsley and Parmesan (\$12) and Risotto with Braised Beef and Chianti (\$13). Complete menus for Applewood’s Sunday and Monday “Tutto Italiano” and Tuesday through Saturday’s California-Provencal offerings are available at www.applewoodinn.com. Reservations are available by calling the restaurant at (707) 869-9093. Applewood Inn is located at 13555 Highway 116 in Guerneville.

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