



FRATELLI'S ITALIAN KITCHEN TRADITIONAL CUISINE

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Fratelli's means "brothers" in Italian and like most Italians, they're passionate about two things: family and food. Owners Brandon and Austin Lorber are not Italian—they look more like Vikings, so why Italian food? Preparing and eating a meal in Italy is practically a religious event where you take an extended pause. Admiring the Italian way of life led them to create Fratelli's, where their Oceanside community could do just that.

Originally from Escondido, both Lorbers paid their dues in the hospitality industry. Brandon and Austin's experience at Arterra in the Del Mar Marriott (working under esteemed Market Chef Carl Schroeder) led them to the realization that hospitality is their calling. Complementing personalities, Brandon naturally

and drink Lavazza espressos while they read the paper—chatting it up before they eat their meal. Chef Kyle Dunkelberg is a purist, dedicated to making Italian classics by insisting on using the best quality ingredients available.

Every meal begins with complimentary La Jolla Bakery warm bread and fresh herb dipping sauce. A crisp, colorful, and flavorful Italian Garden Salad is an excellent starter. Their most popular dish, Meat Lasagna, lives up to its reputation—a must-have! The Penne Kalamata wove delicate flavors of olives and tomatoes in an authentic Italian fashion. The "Whole Nine Yards" Pizza lives up to its name. The Raspberry Ricotta Cheesecake is so light,

fluffy, and delicious that you'll not want to share.

Last summer, when a fire interrupted their flow, the Fratelli brothers were happily surprised that customers visited daily, concerned whether their favorite restaurant would reopen. The Lorbers truly realized they had the support of their community once they reopened their doors.

To pay homage to Oceanside, they commissioned a local artist to create stained glass images of the Mission and Oceanside Harbor. In addition, they participated in the "Cuisine for Kids" fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club. Stop in and experience Fratelli's for yourself. You'll be glad you did!

Not only is Bryn Herrlein a great food writer, he's also an amazing chef. For more info on Chef Bryn, please visit TOP-NOTHCHEF.COM

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