



The son of a fisherman, Sicilian born Chef Sal Tedesco puts his incredible knowledge of seafood and Sicilian cooking to good use at his charming Fisherman's Wharf restaurant Paluca Trattoria.

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THE FLAVORS OF SICILY AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF

Viewers of HBO's "Big Little Lies" will recognize Paluca Trattoria as the location where Reese Witherspoon and Nicole Kidman meet. But this intimate Fisherman's Wharf restaurant is much more than just TV eye candy. Chef Sal Tedesco and his wife Ashley have created a dining experience that pays homage to Monterey's rich Sicilian seafood heritage. A Sicilian native, Chef Sal brings a lifetime of experience to his tables. "I grew up in a household of fishermen," he says. "My father was a Monterey Bay fisherman. The day's catch was our dinner. I grew up seeing how fishermen eat their fish. I picked up all these ideas firsthand."

He learned his lessons well. Paluca's menu—the restaurant is named after the Tedesco's sons Paul and Luke—is chock full of delights. Standouts from the sea include Sicilian meatballs, creamy butter garlic clams, seafood pasta and lobster ravioli and cala-

mani fritti. Of course, pasta is also on offer including vegetarian *Ashelina pomodoro* and creamy *pesto pappardelle*, prawn dishes *carbonara* and *gamberoni*, and an exquisite *pappardelle* dish with *bolognese*.

Paluca Trattoria's location overlooks Monterey's scenic harbor, providing a romantic backdrop for the Tedesco's guests to savor the flavors of Sicily.

For more information, visit www.palucatrattoria.com.

LEARNING ABOUT THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WINE

A wise man once said that there are two things you probably won't like unless you're properly introduced: jazz and wine. With their new business, *Ladysonn Carmel Wine School & Wine Salon*, sisters Roxane Langer and Tamara Carver plan to educate and properly introduce both professionals and the general public to the wonderful world of wine. "We are a wine school, and we offer fun classes,"