

Mercato di Vetro Opens in West Hollywood

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Fresh, Quality Italian Fare



Eating dinner in a kitchen can be more enchanting than you think.

Especially if it's at Mercato di Vetro. The new WeHo Italian resto gives guests a ring-side seat to the culinary action (think Benihana meets Sicily).

Helmed by SBE executive chef Danny Elmaleh (Katsuya, Cleo), the restaurant has three open kitchens: one for cocktails (with fresh produce and house-made syrups), one for antipasti (hen-of-the-woods with aioli and Parmesan), and one outfitted with a wood-burning oven for pizza and al forno plates (branzino, lamb with rosemary honey) and a vintage Rosito Bisani pasta machine for dishes like tortelloni with burrata.

Oak paneling, marble table tops, and caramel leather booths accent the handsome, two-story space connected by a vertical wine cellar.

A retail area showcases imported Italian goods and fresh olive oil that you can tap right from the cask.

It's mangia mania, baby.

Mercato di Vetro, 9077 Santa Monica Boulevard, between North Doheny Drive and Willey Lane, West Hollywood (310-859-8369 or sbe.com/vetro).