

Our Core Values

Born of Italian heritage and raised in South Philly, Linda (Alampi) Johnsen learned as a young girl the value of family, community and tradition. These traditions were instilled as Linda learned to cook side by side with Mom Mom (Grandmother Filomena) and her Aunt Rosemary every Sunday growing up. Cooking was an event in her family and when the women wanted authentic Italian products they would walk to the local Italian market where Linda came to appreciate the importance of quality ingredients - *the key to great food*. She quickly learned that opening up your home and breaking bread with family and friends created wonderful lifetime memories and traditions.

As an adult, Linda relocated to Southern California but found herself missing the traditions and connection with her community that she had growing up. This sparked a burning desire to bring the authentic Italian products, dishes and traditions of her childhood to her new home. When the opportunity presented itself to make this dream a reality, Linda and her husband Kent were ecstatic. Filomena's Italian Kitchen opened its first location on September 17, 2013 to immediate success and accolades by guests and critics alike. The concept was simple, use the same authentic Italian ingredients and traditional Italian recipes which Linda learned to cherish and share the flavors and passion for hospitality she grew up with.

At Filomena's, our goal is to bring traditional Italian cuisine and products to Southern California. We're doing this by developing a culture in our Restaurants and Market that is based on our core values and supported by team members who are committed to delivering on these values.

Tradition

Every dish we make will strictly follow Linda's family recipes and cooking techniques that are centered on using traditional, fresh, quality ingredients. It is also our belief that tradition goes deeper than just food. Tradition is about the love and passion we have for our past and how that past influences who we are today. It's what ultimately bonds family, friends and the community we live in together.

Integrity

We act with unwavering integrity with every action we take. To us, integrity is about being loyal to each other and doing what we know is right even when it is not expected and especially when it may be hard. We believe a person's integrity is measured by their actions, particularly when no one is looking.

Courtesy

We want our team members and our guests alike to feel like they are very special guests in our home. This can only happen when management and team members pledge to treat everyone they interact with with respect, empathy and understanding.

Accountability

We believe “accountability” means “answerability.” It’s the acknowledgment of our responsibility to deliver on our dream of bringing traditional Italian cuisine and products and a relaxing dining experience to our guests. We believe our actions speak louder than words and understand that we are ultimately answerable to each other and to our guests with every action we take, from showing up on time to going above and beyond our guests expectations. We understand every action matters.

Cleanliness

We are dedicated to ensuring we keep our equipment, work stations and guest areas clean and sanitary to the highest standards. We understand it’s not only our legal and moral responsibility to maintain cleanliness to ensure we serve our guests safe food, but realize that cleanliness translates to pride. And we here at Filomena’s are proud of the food we prepare in our scratch kitchen, our team members and our facility.