

Tasty Bites

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Machiavelli's Italian Restaurant



Shrimp Genovese at Machiavelli's Italian Restaurant.

Each week, *The Observer* hits up the local restaurant scene, offering you an inside look at the culinary delights in central Connecticut.

The Basics

Machiavelli's Italian Restaurant
Open Tuesday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., and on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m.
75 Center St., Southington
Phone: (860)426-9920
www.machiavellis.net

The Buzz

Machiavelli's has won several awards from local newspapers over the years including: Best Pizza and Best Entertainment. On Saturday nights, local bands play in the bar area from 7 to 10 p.m. On Friday and Saturday nights, there is a DJ that plays dance music from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Customers can text MACHS to 57711 and receive exclusive discounts to the restaurant. Machiavelli's also has the following specials during the week: Tuesday is Pasta Night (choice of pasta with salad and bread for \$7.99), Wednesday special is a chicken dinner (choice of four different chicken dinners with bread and soup or salad), Thursday's special is two chicken dinners, two salads, bread, and a bottle of wine for \$24.99, and Sunday's special is pizza (\$2 off all of the pizzas on the menu.) All of the specials are for dine-in only and cannot be combined with any coupons or discounts.

The Scene

The dining room is warm and elegant. The walls feature old photos of Southington and one wall has large photos of Italy above the tables. The focal point of the bar area is a granite-topped U-shaped

bar. The terracotta-colored walls are lined with posters of music and movie star legends.

In Your Glass
Several beers on tap including: Sam Adams Seasonal, Harpoon, and Blue Moon. The Espresso Martini is a customer favorite and is made with Stoli Vanilla Vodka, Kahlua, Baileys, and espresso. Machiavelli's has an espresso maker in the bar area that makes espresso, cappuccino, and macchiato.

On your plate

Machiavelli's chef creates four to five dinner specials each week. The Surf and Turf is filet mignon with a brown sauce, lobster tail, shrimp, mashed potatoes, and vegetables. The Shrimp Genovese is made with shrimp and fresh fettuccini-covered in a creamy basil pesto sauce. The New England clam chowder is filled with clams,



Surf and Turf at Machiavelli's Italian Restaurant.

diced potatoes, red peppers, celery, scallions, smoked bacon, and has a hint of lemon. They also serve grinders, pizza, chicken dinners, pasta, steaks, and seafood.

The Wallet

Pizza starts at \$6.95

for a small cheese pizza and goes up to \$25.95 for a large seafood special (red or white clam sauce, shrimp, calamari, and scallops.)

Appetizers range from \$2.99 for garlic bread to \$9.99 for a large antipasto.

Dinners start at \$9.95 for spaghetti with meatball or sausage and go up to \$23.95 for filet mignon.

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