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Jasper's Kitchen Cookbook: Italian Recipes And Memories From Kansas City's Legendary Restaurant



Synopsis

For 55 years, Jasper's has been a Kansas City staple, a tradition, and a beloved family-run institution. Now fans can get the Jasper's taste at home with more than 100 classic and contemporary Italian recipes in Jasper's Kitchen Cookbook: Italian Recipes and Memories from Kansas City's Legendary Restaurant. Jasper Mirabile, Jr., chef and owner, offers his secrets to cooking all the favorites. From appetizers like Artichoke Bambolinis, to soups and salads such as Asparagus Soup with Crispy Prosciutto and Sicilian Olive Salad, and from entrees like Truffled Macaroni and Cheese and Osso Buco Milanese, to desserts like Tartufo and Espresso and Chocolate Torte, Jasper's Kitchen Cookbook fills home kitchens with rich, delicious Italian flavors.

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Jasper J. Mirabile, Jr., is a professional chef and culinary instructor. He has made guest appearances at the James Beard House in New York. He and his cooking have been featured in "USA Today," the "New York Times, Cucina," and "Midwest Living." Jasper is the chairman of Slow Food Kansas City and a national board member of the American Institute of Wine and Food. Jasper hosts a weekly radio show in Kansas City and has a weekly TV segment on the local NBC affiliate. He also sells a successful line of Italian sausage, dressings, and pasta sauces. Kansas City, Missouri, is his home.

Jasper's is ranked as the top Italian restaurant in Kansas City and one of the top Italian restaurants

in the US. His father opened the restaurant in the early 1950s, and it's still going strong. Jasper's family is from Sicily, but every year he travels throughout Italy, learning about local ingredients and perfecting regional dishes from all over Italy. On his menu and in his cookbooks are recipes with olive oil, lemons, tomatoes, cream, and cheeses -- a veritable tour of Italy's regions. His previous cookbook, from 2003, celebrated 50 years in business; it contains many of the restaurant's recipes. This cookbook, from 2009, also contains many favorites from the restaurant. Some of our favorites in this book are the Cannoli Tartufo (ice cream), the uncooked Summer Sauce, and Tuscan Ribollita soup... and pretty much all the others too. We've never had a meal at the restaurant we didn't like and we've never cooked a Jasper's recipe we didn't like.

Jasper Jr's recollections of his Father, family and travels are as warm and comfortable as the meals his recipes produce. It's obvious that many of these recipes have been passed down from one generation to the next.

The recipes are the traditional ones that made Jasper's one of Kansas City's most beloved iconic restaurants for more than 60 years. Yet, they are anything but stuffy and difficult. We use many of the recipes in our regular weekly meal repertoire. But probably my favorite part of this book are the stories about the Mirabile family. Their history, through the four generations that have represented the "MITH" have been the secret to their success. A very approachable, user-friendly and entertaining cookbook by one of Kansas City's most beloved restaurateurs.

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