



# INNOVATIVE AND AUTHENTIC ITALIAN

## *Da Sesto Italiano Ristorante e Vino*

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**S**ESTO AND Micheline Ramadori left their home and Italian restaurant in Montreal, Quebec, Canada to come to Florida, so that they could enjoy time with their young daughters. That was twelve years ago, and the girls are off

to college. So, Sesto and Micheline, who have owned the Florida Pasta Company since 1998, decided it was time to return to Sesto's true love of serving authentic Italian cuisine to an appreciative public. Micheline still runs the Pasta Company and, of course, supplies Da Sesto with its fresh pastas, which include whole wheat and specialty flavors.

Almost everyone has grown up in a town where there was a small local Italian restaurant at which the whole family loved to eat. To us, Da Sesto is that restaurant. Everything is made to order, and you can tell many of the ingredients are imported from Italy, because that is the type of food on which Sesto, himself, was raised. The menu is fairly standard Italian fare, with a few house creations thrown in for those who want something a little different. Dishes such as *Pollo alla Sesto Con Penne* and *Lobster Lorenzo* will excite any gourmand,

while other more traditional items such as *Veal Piccata*, *Lasagna Bolognese* and *Osso Buco di Manzo* are just as you will remember them from wherever you first learned to love Italian food. The entrées include a choice of homemade soup or a salad and fresh-baked bread with an olive oil dipping sauce. The prices are reasonable, and the portions gigantic. The servers move smoothly about the dining room, effortlessly caring for your every need in a *familia* fashion that makes you relax, knowing that whatever you need will appear shortly.

There is an excellently priced wine list. And, on Friday nights, there is live music that is not overwhelming in volume, but provides just the right ambience. At Da Sesto, everything is geared to hospitality and fulfilling their patrons' wishes. The pastas and sauces are excellent, and you can even buy some

to take home, so you can recreate the experience in your own kitchen. The desserts are home-made as well, and there is gelato for those who want to enjoy that tasty Italian treat. They also offer a unique antipasto platter, that encourages you to make your own

selections from a list of possible ingredients. And, because everything is freshly prepared, you can mix and match different kinds of pasta and sauces in any combination you choose.

Dining at Da Sesto is like taking a trip to Italy. They are open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and serve only dinner on Saturday. They are closed on Sunday, but will cater any type of event wherever you wish. ■■■

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Da Sesto Italiano Ristorante e Vino is located at 7199 66th Street North (just south of Park Boulevard on the east side of 66th Street) in Pinellas Park, (727) 209-2695.