

Ferraro's

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Ferraro's Ristorante 40-Year Anniversary Highlights 1985-2025

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- **1985** Ferraro's opens as a deli and pizzeria on Sahara Avenue and Jones Boulevard. The restaurant has six tables with Gino Ferraro working as the chef.
- **1992** The deli and pizzeria close; Ferraro's opens a new fine-dining concept on West Flamingo and launches its wine collection with 1,000 bottles. The restaurant is 4,400 square feet with seating for 150 guests.
- **2009** The family moves the restaurant to Paradise Road and renames it Ferraro's Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar. The new restaurant occupies more than 9,000 square feet with seating for 312 guests. Gino and Rosalba's son, Mimmo Ferraro, becomes executive chef.
- **2015** The wine collection at Ferraro's reaches 16,000 bottles with up to 1,200 labels; Mayor Carolyn Goodman declares Nov. 6 "The Ferraro Family Day" in Las Vegas as they celebrate 30 years.
- **2016** Ferraro's is named one of "Las Vegas' Best Italian Restaurants" by zagat.com.
- **2017** Forbes includes Ferraro's on its list of "Best Las Vegas Food: 25 Secret Restaurants Where the Locals Eat."
- **2018** Ferraro's is named one of "The Best Italian Restaurants in Nevada" by MSN.com.
- **2019** Ferraro's is voted one of "Las Vegas' 10 Best Italian Restaurants" by USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.
- **2020** The Italian Consortium of Brunello Wines of Montalcino names Ferraro's one of four recipients worldwide of the 2020 Leccio D'Oro.
- **2021** Gino Ferraro named Restaurateur of the Year in the 2021 Desert Companion magazine Restaurant Awards; Nico Ferraro, then-11-year-old grandson of owner Gino Ferraro and son of executive chef Mimmo Ferraro, becomes third generation to work in the award-winning kitchen; Ferraro's is named one of the "19 Best Italian Restaurants Across America" by Gotham.
- **2022** Ferraro's Italian Restaurant & Wine Bar introduces its new name, Ferraro's Ristorante; The restaurant completes a dramatic interior and exterior renovation.
- **2023** Ferraro's receives the "Tre Bottiglie"—Three Bottles—award for its wine list from Gambero Rosso International, the global authority on Italian wine, food, travel and culture.
- **2024** With Executive Chef Mimmo Ferraro at the helm, Ferraro's becomes one of just eight U.S. restaurants to earn the prestigious "Tre Forchette"—or Three Forks—from Gambero Rosso International. This designation makes Ferraro's one of only four restaurants worldwide to receive the organization's top awards for both

food and wine; Ferraro's receives OpenTable's "Diners' Choice" award; Ferraro's earns Tripadvisor's "Travelers' Choice" Best of the Best award, placing it in the top 1% of restaurants globally.

- **2025** Ferraro's wine collection totals 20,000 bottles and 1,600 labels as it prepares to celebrate its 40-year anniversary in November.
- **2025** Ferraro's has earned the esteemed recognition in the Gambero Rosso Top Italian Restaurants Guide, an accolade that honors the finest authentic Italian dining and wine experiences outside of Italy.

Donations:

- \$160K donations of cash and in-kind donations over the years
 - Beneficiaries of Ferraro's generosity include the **UNLV Foundation, Coaches vs. Cancer, Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Ability Center, Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Bishop Gorman High School**, and numerous other community organizations.

In addition to these efforts, Ferraro's has:

- Hosted fundraising dinners to benefit **UNLV scholarships**.
- Supported mental health nonprofit **Hope Means Nevada** through event sponsorship.
- Pledged proceeds to the **Las Vegas Victims' Fund** following the Route 91 tragedy.
- Created relief menus benefiting the **American Red Cross** during the Carpenter 1 wildfire.
- Contributed to hunger relief through **Three Square Food Bank's Restaurant Week**.

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