



# TAVOLENA

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My best childhood memory is growing up in an apartment downstairs from my Italian grandmother, Lena Bello. My grandmother cooked every single day for our entire family and at a young age I found myself sitting at her kitchen table watching her cook and sampling her cuisine. Her zest for cooking was contagious and because of her I know I unconsciously chose my career path at a young age.

When grandma passed, I saved her table. I had so many beautiful memories of our family eating at this table I could not let it go. My vision for TAVOLENA, "Lena's Table", is to share the experiences of great food, love and family from my childhood, and my 43 year culinary journey. I welcome you to join me at TAVOLENA and dine at the table where I was inspired to become a chef and learned what love and family is all about.

## ANTIPASTI

### **RHODE ISLAND STYLE FRIED CALAMARI**

Flash Fried Domestic Calamari  
Toasted Garlic / Hot Cherry Peppers  
Balsamic Glaze  
24

### **PEAR & BLUE CHEESE PASTA PURSES**

House Made Stuffed Pasta  
Poached Pear / Nutmeg  
Toasted Walnuts / Gorgonzola Cream  
25

### **LENA'S MEATBALLS**

My Grandmothers Original Recipe  
Ground Sirloin & Pork / Parmigiano  
Reggiano & Locatelli Cheese / Garlic  
Parsley / Simmered For 8 Hours in  
Parma Tomato Sauce with Ricotta &  
Whole Lot of Love  
26

### **MOZZARELLA EN CARROZZA**

Fresh Mozzarella  
Prosciutto Di Parma / Marinara  
Basil Pesto  
28

### **TONNO CRUDO**

Sushi Grade Yellowfin Tuna  
Roma Tomatoes / Italian Siracha  
Lemon Aioli / Petite Basil  
Italian Herbed Wonton Chips  
27

## INSALATE

### **LENA'S CHOPPED SALAD**

Romaine Lettuce / Ombre Tomato  
Red Onion / Cucumber / Gorgonzola  
Crispy Chick Peas  
Grandma's Italian Vinaigrette  
18

### **CAESAR SALAD**

Romaine Lettuce / Parmesan  
Crunchies / White Anchovies  
Emulsified Creamy Dressing  
18

### **BURATTA**

Tuscan Cantaloupe & Honeydew Salsa  
Crispy Prosciutto di Parma  
Arcadia Honey / 75 Year Old Balsamic  
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