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## TusCA

A truly authentic Italian experience comes to Orange County's dining scene — and in Garden Grove, of all places. TusCA Restaurant offers a fresh approach to casual, upscale dining with a menu inspired by Italy's Tuscan region and prepared using locally sourced ingredients. It's also one of the newest additions to the Hyatt Regency Garden Grove — perfect for an overnight stay after a day at Disneyland — and is part of a \$25 million renovation of the 17-story atrium lobby.

Foodies can experience authentic cuisine prepared by native Northern Italian chef Laura De Martin. "The spinach ricotta gnocchi is a very popular dish in my hometown," says De Martin. "I added some Tuscan flair to it for this restaurant, and it is one of our guests' favorite items now." Other breakfast, lunch and dinner offerings include a great selection of classic dishes enhanced with California flair, including the much sought-after pizzas. "Our pizza oven has a four-inch-thick brick bottom with adjustable flames on each side that create the heat in the chamber," says De Martin. "It gives the same great quality pizzas as a traditional wood oven, but without the hassle of the ashes."

Since a true Italian dinner cannot be enjoyed without wine, try an Italian favorite like the Chianti Piacido from Veneto, Italy. Boasting earthy undertones and fresh red fruit flavors with a medium finish, the wine pairs well with the pork chop in agrodolce sauce with caponata and roasted lemon, or the seared halibut with thyme, fennel and orange salad. Overall, TusCA features the authentic simplicity of rustic Italian cooking in a city often overlooked.

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