





25TH ANNUAL RESTAURANT ★ AWARDS ★

BEST CASUAL ITALIAN

CAMPAGNOLO ROMA

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CAMPAGNOLO

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BEST CASUAL ITALIAN Campagnolo Roma (Gold) is this city's premier casual Italian, stated one judge: "cheap, easy, relaxed." Among the Roman-fare inspirations, the daily beer/pizza special is a regular temptation that fills a sweet spot on the East Side. Simple is best: go for the margherita, the olives and anchovies, or the fennel sausage. Get them to crack an egg on top of your pie for a buck. **La Buca** (Silver) warmed hearts this year, with one judge calling it "one of those perfectly at-home neighbourhood spots." More than a few celebrations have been bolstered by a chef-curated tasting menu in this room, and in the heat of summer, there's something deeply satisfying about starting things off with Campari sodas and prosecco cocktails. **Campagnolo** (Bronze) is another trailblazer that stayed on course this

year. "There's a remarkably wide-ranging choice of rustic, northern Italian fare," explained one judge, plus "these guys are another serious driver of the nose-to-tail movement."

HONOURABLE MENTIONS: *Lupo Restaurant* & *Vinoteca, La Pentola della Quercia* ★

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