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Assaggio Ristorante is close to celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> year in operation. One thing that has not changed, is that every visit to this King William Rd eatery is complemented by consistently high levels of service and often by the same smiling staff. Truth be known, recently we thought they had lost one of their outstanding waitresses but a visit to the Assaggio Cafe at Campbelltown revealed that she had merely moved across town to Assaggio's new baby brother located on Newton Rd.

Assaggio always gives me the feeling that I am stepping into some sort of secretive dining experience. What I mean by this is that this place is under-rated. For those living by the beach or north of the city, Assaggio is somewhere you may not have been before, but we are hearing about plenty of converts who now make it a regular destination away from their collection of local restaurants.

If you have not yet had the pleasure of experiencing Assaggio, it has a fabulously funky but warm feel. This is facilitated by the red and orange glow brought on by the

modern decor. Assaggio practices a true fine-dining experience in the modern style. Food itself is modern Italian that has been rewarded with Best Italian Restaurant, Best New Restaurant, Chef of the Year and a host of other accolades. Whilst being an Italian Restaurant, this establishment has embraced the incredible range of outstanding wines we have right here on our doorstep. The wine list is exhaustive and you would be hard-pressed not to find your favourite South Aussie drop in their climate-controlled cellar.

For die-hard Assaggio fans you can even do a Chefs-Table experience. The only pre-requisite here is that you require 6 or more people and pay a deposit. Chef Camillo Crugnale will provide an interesting insight into the creation of the main courses as they are served to your table.

Complementary side dishes and sorbets are included in the experience. For more information, visit

[www.assaggio.com.au](http://www.assaggio.com.au)