

# Vincent Chicos

## FOR THE TABLE

TELLINA E BRODO

**CHERRY STONE CLAMS IN FOUR PREPARATIONS\***

FINOCCHIO OREGNATA CASINO FRA DIAVOLO

THREE / HALF DOZEN / DOZEN  
MARKET PRICE

### FORMAGGI

*chef's election of imported artisan  
cheeses, traditional pairings*

16

### BRUSCHETTA

*heirloom tomato, whipped goat cheese,  
balsamic, crostini*

12

### SALUMI

*chef's selection of imported  
cured meats, traditional pairings*

23

### MEATBALLS & POLENTA

*anson mills stone ground grits, veal  
meatballs, pomodoro, shaved parmesan*

12

### WARM MARINATED OLIVES & CAPOCOLLO

9

## SALADS & SOUP

### BEET & BLACKBERRY SALAD

*whipped goat cheese, toasted walnuts*

10

### CAPRESE

*buffalo mozzarella, heirloom tomato, fresh  
basil, olive oil, aged balsamic*

14

### CREAMY TOMATO BISQUE

*roasted tomato, Puglia olive oil, grilled sourdough*

12

### BURRATA SALAD

*arugula, pepperoncini, olives,  
radish, chili vinaigrette*

12

# Vincent Chicco's

## SEAFOOD

### FRESH CATCH\*

*potato puree, haricot verts,  
caperberries, beurre blanc*  
MKT

### AGLIO & OLIO

*fresh linguini, chili, olive oil,  
garlic, chili flake, fresh lemon*  
shrimp MKT clams MKT

### LOBSTER & LINGUINE

*cognac crema, English pea*  
36

### CRAB & CALAMARATA

*jumbo lump crab, calamari,  
oven roasted tomato, citrus*  
36

## ENTRATA

### CACIO E CHILI

*egg yolk garganelli, calabrian  
chilis, pecorino romano*  
21

### GNOCCHI E FUNGHI

*oyster & cremini mushroom, house  
pomodoro sauce, parmesan*  
23

### SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS

*semolina spaghetti, house ground  
veal, san marzano tomato sauce*  
25

### PARMIGIANA

*caciocavella, san marzano,  
semolina spaghetti*  
eggplant 23 chicken 26

### CHICKEN PICATTA

*potato puree, haricot verts,  
prosecco, caper berries*  
26

### DUCK CACCIATORE

*pancetta, cremini & oyster mushrooms,  
fingerling, pomodoro*  
31

### SEASONAL RISOTTO

*cracked pepper, pecorino romano, chef's  
selection of vegetables*  
23

### SICILIAN SUNDAY GRAVY

*semolina paccheri, simmered pork,  
beef, veal, ricotta*  
26

### TUSCAN BRAISED SHORT RIB

*potato puree, tuscan kale, sugo*  
29

### 8 OZ FILET\*

*caramelized cipollinis, potato puree,  
compound butter*  
48

## ACCOMPANIMENTS

POTATO PUREE • FRESH PASTA • HARICOT VERTS • FINGERLINGS • ASPARAGUS • TUSCAN KALE

*All Pasta Hand-Made Fresh In-House Daily*

**Executive Chef Dalton Fischer**

**Sous Chef David Smalls**

\*These items are cooked to order. Consuming raw or under cooked meats may increase your risk of food born illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions

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R I S T O R A N T E

## W I N E

### Bubbles

Bacio della Luna Prosecco Extra Dry, Veneto, Italy	12
Illi Prosecco Rose	11/44
Tempus III Cava Brut NV, Napa Valley	10/40

### Whites

Riesling, Schlink Haus Spatlese, Nahe, Germany	9/36
Moscato, Antonio Maccieri Dolce, Lazio, Italy	9/36
Vermentino, San Felice Perolla Maremma Toscana, Tuscany, Italy	9/36
Rose, Bodegas Anadas Care Solidarity, Carinena, Spain	10/40
Chardonnay, Domaine Isabelle Doudet-Naudin, Vin de France	10/40
Pinot Grigio, Castello Banfi San Angelo Toscana IGT, Tuscany, Italy	15/60

### Reds

Barbera d'Alba, Franco Serra, Piedmont, Italy	10/40
Blend, Foppiano Vineyards 1896, California, USA	10/40
Pinot Noir, Monte degli Angeli 'Collezione del Barone' Piemonte, Piedmont, Italy	10/40
Valpolicella, Masi Bonacosta Classico DOC, Veneto, Italy	11/44
Chianti, Calvo Classico DOCG, Tuscany, Italy	11/44
Super Tuscan, Castellani Touton Monsalaia Maremma Toscana IGT, Tuscany, Italy	11/44
Cabernet Sauvignon, Geyser Peak Winery, California, USA	12/48

### House Wines

Red/White	8/36
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## B E E R

### Beer (Bottles/Cans)

Sycamore Juiciness IPA (Local/Regional)	8
Hi Wire Bed of Nails (Local/Regional)	8
Commonhouse Wise One (Local/Regional)	8
Allagash White (Local/Regional)	8
Austin East Ciders Blood Orange	8
Narragansett Lager	5
Bud Light	5
Budweiser	5
Michelob Ultra	5

### Draft Beer

New Realm Euphonia European Pilsner	8
Sycamore Mountain Candy IPA	8
Seasonal Rotating Beer	9

### Hard Kombucha

Walker Brothers Kombucha Blueberry Jasmine	11
Walker Brothers Kombucha Watermelon Lime	11

**General Manager Jennifer Bennett**  
**Restaurant Manager Jordan Stone**

# The King of Blind Tigers

Vincent Chicco was born in Livorno, Tuscany and immigrated to the United States on a merchant ship in the late 1860s. His boat landed in Charleston, and he decided to stay. Chicco worked as a Charleston police officer until he left the force to open grocery store on Meeting Street. Much more than just a grocery, it was a delicatessen, saloon, cigar shop and liquor store. Meanwhile, the Governor of South Carolina, Benjamin "Pitchfork Ben" Tillman was attempting to appease prohibitionists, and passed legislation designed to make sure that the SC government could maintain control over all alcohol sales and revenue in the state.



Tillman promised that he would not tolerate Charleston's disregard of the law, even as illegal speakeasies (commonly called Blind Tigers) opened throughout town. Chicco was the first arrest, just 2 weeks after the law passed, as Tillman attempted to make an example of the immigrant "outsider".

However, Charleston residents, who viewed alcohol consumption as a right, rallied behind him and protested his arrest. Thanks to a lenient judge, Chicco was released immediately and became a local hero. He was nicknamed "The King of the Blind Tigers".

He also became Tillman's nemesis, and their rivalry became increasingly personal and combative. The more Tillman fought to put Chicco behind bars, the more flagrant Chicco's practices became. Vincent Chicco introduced a line of cigars called, "The Two Determined", in a box with both men pictured. He even introduced a 5¢ coin, good for a free drink in his saloon, and depicting a tiger wearing a blindfold. As determined as Tillman was to stop Chicco's liquor sales, Chicco was just as determined to continue selling liquor to the people of Charleston.



Chicco's popularity in town grew, and he seized the opportunity to embark on a political career, being elected to Alderman of the 3rd Ward. At the same time, Tillman's state-run alcohol dispensary was abolished in 1907, in the midst of rampant corruption and misappropriation of funds.

Vincent Chicco lived to 78 years old, and when he died the city mourned The King of the Blind Tigers.