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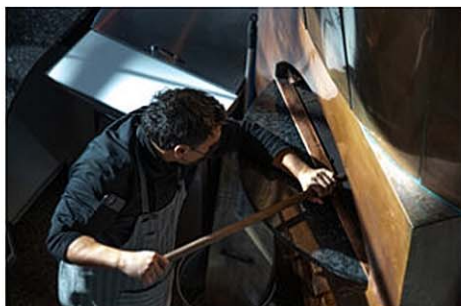
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Co-owner Gilda Scorza, left, stands with Co-owner and Chef Renato Donzelli in their newly finished restaurant space at 33 Jesup Road, the former home of Matsu Sushi. They are hopeful to open this week to the public, pending their liquor license approval from the State.

Basso Restaurant and Wine Bar has been a 15 year veteran on the food scene of Norwalk, and with the passion of owners Gilda and Renato – the renowned mediterranean cuisine and live music will now fill the Jesup Road area of Downtown Westport. The husband/wife duo began work on the 33 Jesup Road space in the early Fall, renovating and remodeling the former sushi bar with interior architectural design by Stamford based CPG Architects.

The space includes a main level with dining room seating as well as a full bar overlooking the large copper pizza oven, a loft dining space, a small private dining room, and outdoor dining along Jesup Road. Scorza added that they were finalizing plans to extend their outdoor seating into the alleyway between the restaurant and next-door 23 Jesup Road – allowing more customers to enjoy the outdoors in warmer weather.



*Chef & Owner Renato Donzelli tends to the wood-fired pizza oven.*

Cuisine will be a warm mix of mediterranean style meals designed and prepared by Chef Renato, who is Venezuelan and Italian, and will include favorites from their former Norwalk location. Some of the favorites include authentic Neapolitan wood-fired pizza, Tapas, seafood dishes, Italian pastas, and signature salads. Meals will be available dine-in or take-out.

Although restaurants are currently bound to State COVID-19 restrictions, Basso has applied for hours that will go until 2:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays with live music until midnight, when the restrictions are lifted. They hope to be open by New Year's Eve, however if not, plan to be open by the first week of 2021.

Learn more about Basso at their website: [bassobistrocafe.com](http://bassobistrocafe.com)