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The Century City mall might not seem like the ideal space for an upscale Italian trattoria but the elegant, romantic Toscanova manages to transform its setting with style and panache. Once inside the doors, you're likely to forget all about the fact that a bustling retail world of chain stores and high-end boutiques is right outside. The sleek, modern space is light and airy, with high-backed chairs, tables cloaked in crisp white linens and topped with wicker-wrapped Chianti bottle candles. A wide floor-to-ceiling column in the center of the dining area is wrapped with tempting wine bottles and illuminated by the glow of blown glass lights suspended from the lattice ceiling.

Toscanova's extensive menu bursts with an array of traditional Italian dishes, including pastas, meats, seafoods and pizza. From the simple Cappellini with mixed vegetables to the Branzino All'Isolana (Mediterranean seabass with tomato, potatoes, onion and olives), there's something for almost every taste. Wine lovers will appreciate the carefully selected wine list, which includes a variety of both domestic and Italian varietals.

