

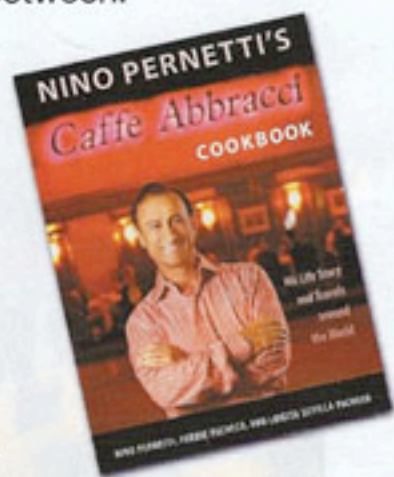
Old, New, Tried & True

A taste of Switzerland downtown, Italy in the Gables and Brazil in between.



Cuca Fresca: That's the Spirit

Straight from the vibrant country of Brazil, birthplace of the caipirinha—muddled limes and sugar, crushed ice and cachaça—Cuca Fresca is made from organically grown sugarcane that has been harvested from a single source, double distilled in artisan copper pots and triple filtered. The team behind the elixir launched the brand in South Florida because of the sexy similarities between Miami and Rio de Janeiro. For recipes and more information, visit www.cucafrescaspirit.com.



Hugs for Caffe Abbracci

Nino Perneti is a fixture on the Coral Gables restaurant scene, having debuted with Caffe Baci in 1987. But when he opened up Caffe Abbracci in 1988, he became the talk of the town. The chic décor and deliciously inventive cuisine—think oysters with Gorgonzola sauce and orechiette with pumpkin and yogurt—have been luring in locals and celebrities ever since. This month, in celebration of the restaurant's 20th anniversary, Perneti is releasing *Nino Perneti's Caffe Abbracci Cookbook: His Life Story and Travels around the World* (\$40, 288 p.), filled with recipes inspired by the restaurateur's culinary experiences and extensive journeys to such far-flung locales as Kabul, Caracas, Kuala Lumpur and Istanbul, not to mention his native Italy and surrounding Europe. Pick it up after May 15th at Books & Books, 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables.



The Place to Be in Miami

The swankiest spot to hit South Florida in years, Badrutz's Place brings to life a new breed of self-indulgence with its elite Davidoff Cigar Lounge, Mediterranean-inspired cuisine, three-martini lunches for high-powered execs and state-of-the-art sound system spinning dance-worthy melodies (but played softly enough that you can still hold a conversation). Owner Johannes Badrutz and his ancestors were the masterminds behind Badrutz's Palace Hotel in St. Moritz, the legendary Swiss enclave visited by royals and celebrities since 1896, which is still a sought-after travel destination to this day. 1250 S. Miami Ave., Miami. For more information, visit www.badrutzs-place.com. ■