

PRESS RELEASE

Settebello Crowned the Winner of the 947 "Best Pizza in Joburg" Search, Hosted by Anele and the Club with Old Mutual Insure

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Settebello Italian Restaurant is incredibly proud and humbled to announce that we have been named **the winner of the 947 "Best Pizza in Joburg" search, hosted by Anele and the Club with Old Mutual Insure.**

To be recognised in a city as diverse and passionate about food as Johannesburg is an honour beyond words. This recognition means far more than winning a competition it is a celebration of authenticity, craftsmanship, tradition and the belief that doing things the right way still matters.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to **947, Anele and the Club, Old Mutual Insure**, the judges and every member of the team who made this competition possible. Thank you for shining a spotlight on Johannesburg's vibrant pizza community and for creating a platform that celebrates quality, passion and excellence.

Most importantly, thank you to every person who voted for us, visited our restaurant, recommended us to friends, supported us over the years and believed in what we are trying to achieve. This award belongs just as much to our guests as it does to us.

We would also like to congratulate our fellow finalists. Simply being recognised among Johannesburg's finest pizzerias is an extraordinary achievement. Each finalist brought their own passion, creativity and dedication to the competition, and together we have shown just how exciting and diverse the pizza scene in our city has become. We wish each of them continued success and thank them for raising the standard for all of us.

At Settebello, authenticity has never been a marketing slogan it has always been our way of life.

From the day we opened our doors, we made a promise to ourselves that we would never chase trends or take shortcuts. Our mission has always been simple, to honour the centuries old tradition of true Neapolitan pizza and to share a genuine piece of Italy with every guest who walks through our doors.

That commitment starts with our ingredients.

We proudly use **Caputo Flour**, trusted by generations of Neapolitan pizzaioli for producing authentic pizza dough. Our tomatoes are **Ciao Tomatoes**, grown under the southern Italian sun and packed at their peak to preserve their natural sweetness and flavour. Our mozzarella and Italian cheeses are supplied by **Puglia Cheese**, ensuring that every pizza remains true to its Italian roots.

But great pizza is about far more than great ingredients.

Our dough is fermented slowly, allowing time to develop flavour and structure naturally. Every pizza is stretched by hand, topped with carefully selected ingredients and baked at high temperature in the traditional Neapolitan style.

There are no shortcuts.

No compromises.

Only patience, craftsmanship, respect for tradition and an unwavering commitment to quality.

As one of only a select few restaurants in Africa officially recognised by the **Associazione Pizzaiuoli Napoletani (APN)**, we carry the responsibility of preserving and promoting authentic Neapolitan pizza with enormous pride. Every pizza we serve reflects the standards, techniques and heritage that have made Neapolitan pizza one of the world's most celebrated culinary traditions.

This award also belongs to our incredible team.

To every chef, pizzaiolo, waiter, bartender, cleaner, kitchen porter and member of the Settebello family thank you. Your hard work, professionalism and passion are what our guests experience every single day, and without you this recognition would never have been possible.

We would also like to thank our families, friends, suppliers and loyal customers who have supported us from the very beginning. Your encouragement has inspired us through every challenge and every success.

Today makes this achievement even more meaningful.

As we celebrate this incredible honour, the city of **Naples** celebrates a remarkable milestone **100 years of SSC Napoli**.

For us, Naples is much more than the birthplace of pizza. It is our inspiration, our heritage and the heart of everything we do. The passion of its people, the pride in its traditions and the respect for authentic food continue to guide us every day.

To receive this recognition on such a significant day for the city we love feels incredibly special.

This award is not a finish line.

It is a reminder that authenticity still matters.

It is proof that quality will always be recognised.

And it inspires us to continue raising the standard while remaining true to the traditions that have brought us here.

From all of us at Settebello

Grazie di cuore.

Thank you for believing in authentic Italian hospitality, authentic Neapolitan pizza and the values that have guided us from the very beginning.

We look forward to welcoming many more of you through our doors and continuing to share a little piece of Naples with Johannesburg.

Forza Napoli, sempre!

Pino & Miro