



Mike Hashemi – Chef & Owner

Mike started cooking from a young age learning Persian food from Mom. He then moved to Florence Italy, where his passion expanded to learning Italian Cuisine from family first hand - the art of true Italian cooking. He learned to experiment with fresh ingredients, adding to his Persian Palette.

He loved it so much when he moved to the United States he realized he knew he had to own his own restaurant. Mike started with his own pizzeria making Pizzas just like in Italy. He later wanted to expand and purchased Milano's Italian Kitchen, loving it and offering his guests the best combination of fine Italian cuisine and Persian Specialties. He later changed that restaurant and opened Florence Italian Cuisine, winning 5 gold awards from orange county restaurant association.

He followed his heart and relocated to the Bay Area, and found **ARYA** in Cupertino. He knew that he wanted to bring Fine Persian Cuisine to the Bay Area, and Cupertino was a perfect start. ARYA in Cupertino is now on its 10th year. While that took off and Bay Area guests loved it. He decided to introduce Persian food to the Peninsula and found a new home in Redwood city. For the fifth year anniversary, he decided to open **ARYA STEAKHOUSE**, a combination of fine Persian Cuisine and Steaks! Persian Food is all about the meats and grilling, so STEAK and Persian spices go hand in hand. Together with executive chef Brenda Mora, his adventure is just starting, and he welcomes you to his home, ARYA Steakhouse. Not only does he love cooking for his guests but he also lives to cook for his family and fiends and 3 children.