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RESTAURANTS, CHEAP EATS, CAFES, BARS & PROVIDORES

Sassi Cantina



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9 Grant Street,
Port Douglas
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Italian

OPEN Tues–Sun noon–late

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CHEF Tony Sassi

OWNER Tony & Di Sassi



Ah the Sassis are back, and Port Douglas residents are flocking into the new space off Macrossan Street, in the heart of town. This time it's casual cantina-style with a polished concrete floor and white washed interior, a roaring pizza oven and recipe for dough that's near perfect. Add clever combos like creamy asiago melting into earthy white asparagus and you have it – pizza nirvana. There's more than just fancy dough – with a long list of spuntini (small dishes for sharing) fish and meat choices plus Tony Sassi classics like carpaccio of salmon or hiramasa kingfish with citrus soy and chilli. Add a spacious bar and scarily tempting list of cocktails and it's perfect for winding down after a hard day on the reef.

plates

Calamari e piselli \$13
Pizza con asparagi – pizza with asiago cheese and white asparagus \$22
Spatchcock alla Sassi \$34
Barramundi alla griglia \$34
Panacotta al ristretto di Campari \$16
Tortina di cioccolato al cure bianco \$17

glasses

Italian varietals and imports feature alongside a quality line up of food-friendly labels. Pinot Noir is especially favoured and there's the odd big-end Barolo and super Tuscan if you're feeling flush. Separate Bar.