

Bootleg Bar

Bootlegs have been lo-fi since obsessed fans tucked cassette recorders into the folds of their jackets, and they haven't got much better with YouTube. But who cares, it's about reliving the moment. And if there's the right mix of crowd noise, banter, and miscellaneous tuning noises, it can evoke nostalgia for a time and a place you never even saw. Rob Gal's Bootleg Bar + Italian Food in Potts Point is like that, it's fittingly lo-fi with a Luchetti Krelle-designed eclectic industrial feel that relives the '60s to the '80s — with plenty of nostalgic pieces from each decade. The bar itself is built from the same stacked concrete screen blocks you'd find in the carport of a '60s-era house, with step stools for bar stools. Photos of influential music artists line the walls like a hall of fame, and '80s ghetto blasters sit up on the shelves. The ceiling is a suspended grid filled with copper coloured prison fencing mesh panels and mechanics lights, all hanging below a sprayed sound absorption layer. Every wall is covered with green chalkboard paint and rimmed with relaxed banquettes, and old school library catalogue drawers house the cutlery. It's just the right mix.

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