

Just before Armand was going to perform yet another sinister character in "**Trial by Jury**" (being Rusty Pirone) he was interviewed by **Marilyn Stasio from Cosmopolitan magazin nov 1993** ...? The titel is: **"Armand Assante beyond the looks that kill"**  
*This is when Armand is called unnervingly attractive !*  
He says about his looks: "...part of the reason I work as much as I do, is because I look the way I do "  
"The ethnic everyman - that's me !"

Assantes look has made him a living in the movie bussiness and also created the falls impression that he was just another unfaithfull latino lover, that crushed any womans heart , Hollywood persisted to cast him in "macho, sexy, violent roles " actually Armand is a very committed and devoted family man and he says in this interview, that his more serious purpose with his permance was to make a healthy movie that would mock the the cynical values of films glorifying sex and violence, as well as sexy, violent, narcissistic people. "It's unbelievable how utterly narcissistic - how fatally narcissistic - this whole culture is " he says and adds: "If you look at the charachters we admire in the cinema today, they´r all pretty screwed up people with very warped value systems. And this romantic power we attribute to sex and violence - it's really sick !"

Armand Assante says: **"It jams me up, not being able to work on something I belive in , I´ve always been tyrannized by my ideals ....If there´s one thing I want to achieve , it´s to do live-affirming movies that make people feel good about theme selves, because life can be so miserable today. And as long as those ideals are not achieved, I keep reaching out for them. That´s what keeps me alive"**

In the same interview they talk about his work-aholism, he works intensively mostly 16 hours a day. While he was doing his part for "Jack the Ripper" , he collapsed from a mysterious illness. After being misdiagnosed by 3 doctors as an anxiety attack, the dibilitating condition turned out to be *clinical hypoglycemia* (to low bloodsucker and to high insulinia) aggravated by a twenty year addiction caffein and cigarrettes . "I was juicing about two pots a morning, - and I used to drink it like mud - very,very stong ...sometimes I combained it with a nice bottle of wine !"  
He learned a lesson he declares (??) He is still a work-aholic but excercises not to become a bodybuilder, but to stay in shape for his work both as an actor and the work at the farm, which is also physical demanding.