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# Bellevue's 0/8 Seafood Grill Becomes Twisted Cork

*Bistro Concept and New Menu Uncorks February 2010*

BELLEVUE, Wash. – (January 7, 2010) – A new era is dawning for Solstice Restaurant Group with the expansion and evolution of its Twisted Cork restaurant concept.

Scheduled to debut early next month, Twisted Cork will take over the space currently occupied by 0/8 Seafood Grill and evolve its wine bar offerings by providing a more casual and approachable dining experience, where adults and families can enjoy a new menu of affordable Northwest cuisine.

Matt Bomberger, a Bellevue local and owner of Solstice Restaurant Group, which also manages STIR Martini + Raw Bar, decided to introduce the more relaxed dining experience in response to changes in the booming Bellevue dining scene. With a recent spate of restaurant openings, the downtown area now offers more than 150 different dining options.

"0/8 Seafood Grill was competing with an incredible number of eastside fine dining restaurants, however our wine bar, - which is decidedly more casual, has always drawn a loyal and lively crowd," said Bomberger. "Evolving the Twisted Cork concept to offer a bistro style menu based on local ingredients allows us to fill a niche - an Eastside destination where our guests experience the best of Northwest wine, cuisine, and service; all while keeping a familiar name."

While the interior of the restaurant will largely stay the same, the menu will change to reflect a broader variety of expertly prepared, wine-friendly dishes with seasonal Northwest ingredients. Menu pricing will change as well, with entrées priced from \$15 to \$24, and small plates priced from \$6 to \$13.

One thing that will absolutely remain the same: Twisted Cork's popular and award-winning Washington and Northwest focused wine program. The restaurant recently received the Award of Ultimate Distinction from *Wine Enthusiast*, one of only 36 restaurants in North America. Recent awards have also included the 2009 Grand Award by the Washington Wine Commission and the 2009 Award of Excellence, for the third year in a row, by *Wine Spectator*.

*Twisted Cork is a Northwest Bistro located in the Hyatt Regency Bellevue just off of N.E. Eighth and Bellevue Way. Open Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.; and Sunday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. For reservations, call (425) 637-0808. For more information and menus visit [www.twistedcork.com](http://www.twistedcork.com).*

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