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And Wine Director: Ben Eubanks

Overview:

The bar and lounge, décor, seating arrangements, menu, pricing and beverage program are all reflective of the goal to create a gathering place for the community and hotel guests that can be enjoyed any day of the week.

The unique structure of the menu allows guests to customize their experience during each visit, from the small plates that can be shared with the table to the entrees that can be paired with any number of courses or ordered alone.

Food:

The menu is inspired by a farm-to-table philosophy and the rich bounty of Virginia to create a classic American menu featuring locally grown ingredients and Southern influences. With small plates starting at just \$5 and no entrée above \$30, the menu offers extraordinary Virginia ingredients in an affordable and delicious format.

Beverage:

An innovative cocktail program provides a versatile list of the classics each with a modern twist, many featuring a savory element and the same farm-to-table influences seen in the restaurant menu.

Guests will be delighted by the wine list of approximately 150 offerings, including a robust selection of bottles under \$30 and more than 20 wines that can be ordered by the glass, half-bottle or quartino.

Décor:

A rich mahogany and granite bar greets guests as they enter Lemaire's spacious lounge. A muted color palette of golds, tans and creams in a variety of textures is accented with burnt orange and showcases the attention to detail in the finishes of the room. Bare wood tabletops and newly laid wood flooring provide additional warmth to the space.

The dining rooms feature beautifully restored historical architecture enhanced by magnificent lighting fixtures, hand painted faux finishes and inviting seating.

Seating: 130 seats with 22 additional seats at the bar

Group Dining:

Groups of up to 60 guests can be accommodated for private dining. A full compliment of services is available, including audio-visual, florist and overnight rooms.

Parking:

All guests of Lemaire receive complimentary valet parking accessible from the Franklin Street entrance or self-parking in the new Main Street parking lot.

Hours of Operation:

The bar and lounge is open daily at 4:00pm with service until last call.

Dinner is served daily from 5:00pm until 10:00pm.

An abbreviated menu is available from 4:00pm until 5:00pm and from 10:00pm until 12:00am.

History:

Originally serving as the ladies' parlor and then the private Rotunda Club, the first Lemaire Restaurant was introduced in 1986 and quickly became a Richmond dining tradition. Lemaire is named in honor of Thomas Jefferson's White House maitre d'hôtel, who introduced Americans to the art of cooking with wine. A renovation in 2000 provided the addition of The Conservatory overlooking historic Franklin Street.

On January 1, 2009, Lemaire was closed for a complete renovation. Though the historic structural aspects of the space were preserved, the décor, furnishings and Chef Bundy's menu were completely changed to reflect the new, more casual Lemaire.

A whimsical nod to the alligators who roamed the Palm Court lobby of The Jefferson until 1948 has been made in some unique ways, including the ties worn by the wait staff, the barstool upholstery and even the restaurant's logo.