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BEL AIR BAR & GRILL

The Westside favorite unveils its new look

BEL AIR, CA – This fall is the perfect time to rediscover that hidden gem, Bel Air Bar & Grill. With views of the J Paul Getty Museum, a beautifully remodeled interior and brand new second level private dining room, Bel Air Bar & Grill offers a convenient dining destination for Bel Air locals, Westside and Valley guests. Susan Disney Lord and her creative team have created an encore event worthy of applause.

Enhancing the classic charm of the original restaurant, the interior design team Ralph Gentile • Architects preserved the comfy-cozy feel regulars love, and added some new touches to the bar and dining experience that new guests will adore. The restaurant, located on the ground level and a portion of the second floor, is part of the new LEED-certified mixed-use building by Barbara Flammang of Killefer Flammang Architects.

Guests enter through the stunning two-story “bougainvillea” glass box atrium designed by photographer/glass sculptor Amanda Weil. Here guests can either enter the ground floor restaurant or make their way up a clear glass stair to the second level function rooms. “It’s like being inside a magic lantern” says Gentile.

Once greeted by the host, guests can choose to linger in the new lounge or have drinks at the bar, which features a full bar, craft beers and expanded wine-by-the-glass menu. While in the lounge guests sit comfortably in the soft glow of white-washed brick under a ceiling painted to recall vintage wood.

Ready for dinner? Guests can choose between the familiar fireside dining room, or the livelier cottage dining area. Celebrating the original brick fireplace and large rustic ceiling beam, the new interior finishes have a relaxed and nature-inspired palate. Materials were carefully selected for timeless beauty, an environmental consciousness, and acoustic properties. The restaurant walls are partially clad in toned cork, a naturally renewable resource with inherent acoustical properties, that not only looks sophisticated, but ensures that guests can enjoy their meal and conversation. In addition, the ceiling systems throughout the restaurant are designed to look distinctive, conceal lighting and other systems, and acoustically tune the rooms.

Take a journey to the second level Sunset Room. Custom glass chandeliers greet guests on the landing, and guide you into the private dining area. Ralph Gentile • Architects designed a glamorous banquet room – complete with an ethanol fireplace impressively clad in Emperor dark marble and operable partitions – destined to be the natural choice for private functions on the Westside. Lavish curtains open to reveal a spectacular view of the Getty while low ceiling treatments create an intimately fabulous dining experience. Restrooms on the same level and elevator access make it ideal for guests of all abilities.

Featuring rotating art by Cal Art students and a LEED Silver accreditation, Bel Air Bar & Grill supports both local artists and a healthy environment. Bel Air Bar & Grill is the new dining destination this holiday season!

Design Team: Ralph Gentile, Candice Goodwin, Kristin Carlblom.

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