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Laudisio Celebrates Wine and Food with Monthly Dinner Series

Laudisio Italian Restaurant, located in the 29th Street Mall in Boulder, is opening its extensive wine cellar to the public, by way of a monthly wine pairing. Most wine dinners at Laudisio consist of 5 courses of food, paired with 6 different wines. Dinners vary in price based on the wines being featured, but normally range from \$60 to \$75.

Dinners feature a particular region of Italy, or sometimes a particular vineyard, although there is no rigid format for the wines that are chosen. General Manager Mark Kretz takes great joy in hosting these monthly events. In the past 30 years Kretz has conceived of and hosted hundreds of wine dinners, for 13 years at Laudisio, and previously at the Four Seasons in San Francisco, and says he “still loves the experience.”

“At Laudisio, wine dinners are particularly enjoyable for me since we are able to present regional wines and match them with the culinary icons of a particular region.” The last dinner featured the wines of the Veneto region of Italy. “Our chef, Sakima Isaac and I have done many together,” says Kretz. “We relish selecting menu items that build from one course to the next in terms of weight, texture and visuals. Once the food menu is completed, I begin selecting the wines which also build in weight and nuance.”

Laudisio wine dinners have the feel of a complete visit to a unique Italian wine region, with Mark Kretz as the guide. The next journey will be to Tuscany. “Una Serata Toscana”, A Tuscan Evening, is scheduled for Monday, February 23 at 6:30 pm. These events always sell out, so reservations are required.

As of now these dinners are occurring monthly, and with the enthusiasm the customers and staff share for these events, they are likely to continue for quite some time. “Nothing gives me more pleasure than finding just the right wine for the right food,” says Kretz. “My challenge for each wine dinner is to make it better than the last one.”

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Next Dinner: February 23, 6:30 pm.

“Una Serata Toscana” – A Tuscan Evening

5 courses, 6 Tuscan wines. \$75/person.

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About Laudisio:

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Laudisio Italian Restaurant. Conceived by Antonio Laudisio, a first-generation American who learned the arts at his Mother’s side in the kitchen of her Miami

restaurant, Laudio spent 18 years in a small shopping center on Iris and 28th St. In 2006 Laudio took the restaurant to the newly built 29th Street Mall, expanding into a larger and contemporary new home.

Laudio offers seasonally changing menus, reflecting the Boulder County farms and gardens. Full gluten-free menus are also offered, changing seasonally as well. Brunch is featured on the weekends, and Happy Hour is daily, 3 to 6.