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HMSHost and Albany International Airport Celebrate Debut of Hudson Valley Wine Bar



Celebrating the Grand Opening: From left Michael Breslin, Albany County Executive, Michael Jones, Vice President, Business Development, HMSHost, David E. Langdon, Chairman, Albany County Airport Authority, Patrick Hooker, NY State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, William Alyward, Jr., Albany County Legislator

BETHESDA, MD – HMSHost, a world leader in travel dining and shopping, and Albany International Airport (ALB) today raised a toast to the opening of the new **Hudson Valley Wine Bar**. Located on Concourse B, the sophisticated full-service wine bar and casual dining restaurant introduces ALB airport travelers to the region's most beloved wines produced by Gold Medal Award-winning vintners and family owned wineries.

New York is the third largest wine producing state in the country, with approximately 300 wineries from the Finger Lakes, the Hudson River Region, Lake Erie, the Niagara Escarpment and Long Island.

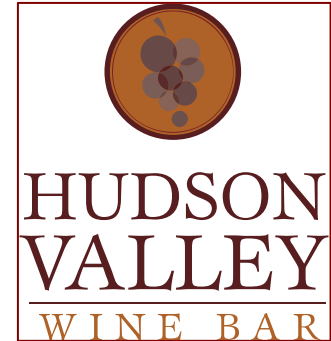
Hudson Valley Wine Bar will present popular vintages from local wineries including a Five-Point award-winning Riesling Cuvee from Swedish Hill; Brotherhood Winery's View of the Hudson Cabernet; Dr. Konstantin. Frank & Sons' barrel-aged Meritage, Gewürztraminer, and spicy Pinot Noir; Casa Larga Vineyards' award-winning Chardonnay and Petite Noir, and Goose Watch Winery's Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and unique Pinot Noir Brut Rose Champagne.

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"Albany International Airport is very proud to showcase the region's best vintages at Hudson Valley Wine Bar. We are pleased that HMSHost had provided this exceptional dining venue to make our travelers' day better," said David E. Langdon, chairman of the Albany County Airport Authority.

With open seating, visual charm and a relaxed environment, Hudson Valley Wine Bar is an upscale spot for travelers to unwind and sample local wines. The menu has been developed to balance well with wine and features a Roasted Red Pepper Hummus plate, Jumbo Shrimp and Smoked Salmon appetizers and seafood bisque. Seared Salmon Caesar and Chicken Mozzarella salads may be ordered as either a full lunch or dinner entrée. Sandwiches include Roasted Turkey, Lime Chicken Brie and Brisket, and for a quick bite, the menu offers a Cheese and Fruit Plate that pairs well with either red or white wine.



New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker said, "The new Hudson Valley Wine Bar is an exciting new opportunity for travelers to be introduced to New York's many exceptional wines. New York produces an abundance of grapes and thus, makes a number of award-winning wines, which I am pleased will be showcased at the Albany International Airport for visitors near and far to enjoy. A special thanks to the Airport Authority and HMSHost for initiating this unique and regional venue."

"We developed Hudson Valley Wine Bar to honor the heritage and growing legacy of New York State's wine industry. It's our pleasure to bring more outstanding local flavor and tradition to Albany International Airport travelers," said Michael Jones, HMSHost Vice President of Business Development.

Hudson Valley Wine Bar joins several recent additions to the airport's food and beverage program, including **Silks Saratoga Bistro**, **Starbucks Coffee**, **Dunkin' Donuts** and **Brioche Dorée Café Bakery**. HMSHost employs 55 associates at Albany International Airport.

About HMSHost

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