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District Wine Village
Restaurant Update



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Ward's Wine Country Kitchen is a casual, fully licensed, full-service restaurant, serving approachable, fresh, & addictive food. Ward's will offer a selection of signature seasonal cocktails, along with a varied selection of wine and craft beer produced on site by the neighbours within the village. Special events, wine education experiences and themed dinners will become a part of the programming a few months after opening.

The restaurant is owned by industry veterans, and local residents, Scott, Mindy and Stephen Ward. Combined they have over 120 years of hospitality experience which expands across many of Canada's most successful multi-unit and independent restaurant brands and concepts. Additionally, they bring a wealth of experience in the management, hospitality and event experience side of the business having worked for a number of the valley's most well-known wineries and the local ski industry. Leading the culinary side of the business is Red Seal certified Chef Ian Stilborn. Ian has lived and worked in the area for over 8 years, where he has established his passion, creativity, and expression of the region's bounties in his dishes. He has lead many kitchen brigades at many well-known culinary destinations in the South Okanagan including; Liquidity Wines, See Ya Later Ranch, Nk'Mip Cellars and Miradoro. Ian's cooking style and menu creations are aimed at satisfying the tastes of the "foodie newbie" all the way to the discriminating palates of the well-travelled. His calm demeanor and lack of "ego" sets him apart from many, and his philosophy to the creation of dishes is simple, "do what you do, do it right, and do it the best".

The restaurant plans to open in stages commencing early April. Look for updates on the District Wine Village website.

Day to day operations will be led by Mindy Ward. Feel free to reach out to her at info@wardskitchen.ca.

The Ward's and Chef Stilborn look forward to serving you!