

AQUITAINE

BAR à VIN BISTROT

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Dear Neighbors, Friends, Guests and Staff of Aquitaine,

I wanted to thank you for your devoted patronage over the last 18 years! Together we have watched the development and resurgence of our historic South End neighborhood. It has been an honor to be a part of that history even in just this small way. That being said, I am very excited to announce that I have decided to close Aquitaine for an extensive renovation. I feel this renovation will make your Aquitaine as vibrant and exciting as when I opened this Bistro those many years ago. Aquitaine will be revitalized, a Bistro befitting this great building and neighborhood.

The success of Aquitaine can be measured in the memories that are shared by so many. First dates at table "1", anniversaries, the celebration of a new baby, college graduations, birthdays even the loss of a loved one where Aquitaine some how comforted them. Some of my favorite memories were watching the snowfall from the "Little Bar" during one of those big winter storms when only Aquitaine was open. The restaurant was filled with our South End neighbors, all weathering the storm together with red wine and Coq Au Vin. I look now at our reservation notes, which are filled with memories from guests from all over the world, telling us of their time spent at this little bistro on the corner of Tremont Street. I can tell you truthfully that I never thought that this restaurant would touch the heart of so many people. Of course what really makes Aquitaine genuine are the past and present staff that have been with us over so many years. They are the individuals that make Aquitaine feel like home for so many. Words cannot express how grateful I am for their trust and loyalty. Rest assured they will be back when we re-open.

It is with those memories in mind that I and my team have set out to rebuild, not a "new Aquitaine", but one that captures the history and hospitality of the past while bringing a new vitality to your favorite bistro.

Look for news of the construction on our website and social media sites. We have already started counting down the days till we return and I look forward to unveiling Aquitaine once more. I will give you one hint of what to expect from the renovation ...a second bathroom!

Again, thank you for your support over the last 18 years and I look forward to serving you for the next Twenty. See you in May.

Warmest Regards,

Seth Woods