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**The New Orleans Hotel Collection Unveils a New French Quarter Wine Bar Opening on July 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Patrick's Bar Vin to Feature Private Wine Lockers*

**NEW ORLEANS** – July 8, 2011 - The [New Orleans Hotel Collection](http://www.neworleanshotelcollection.com) has announced a new wine bar to officially open to the general public on Friday, July 22, 2011, [Patrick's Bar Vin](http://www.patricksbarvin.com) in the heart of New Orleans' historic French Quarter district. The new bar is located adjacent to the Saint Louis Hotel, at 730 Bienville Street, with a separate street entrance from Bienville Street. For more information, visit the website: [www.patricksbarvin.com](http://www.patricksbarvin.com).

The venue has undergone renovations, having been closed for six months in order to completely renew the interior and facilitate the addition of 36 temperature controlled private wine lockers. These special lockers are available for individuals to rent on an annual basis in order to store their private selection of fine wines. Although the complement of lockers is already sold out for the year, an official waiting list has begun. Consultation on the selection of the wine is available compliments of manager Patrick Van Hoorebeek.

The bar gets its name from Patrick Van Hoorebeek, a 25-year wine bar, restaurant manager and self styled *bon vivant* who made a name for himself while maitre d' for the fashionable Bistro de la Maison Deville Restaurant for 18 years. Van Hoorebeek has also served at the Rib Room, Peristyle's and August. At this new bar, he plans to have found a long time home, dispensing his sage advice and general *savoir faire* about wines.

"Wine will be the main attraction," said Van Hoorebeek. "Since I am Belgian, however, we will have a full bar complement including a wide range of beers. Chef Agnes Bellet, a French-born chef and veteran of Louis the XVI Restaurant at the Saint Louis Hotel, will be offering a menu of small plates served in the bar typical of traditional French wine bars and cafés, including endive salad, French onion soup, charcuterie and cheese selections."

Van Hoorebeek's long tenure in New Orleans has led to his creation of the Krewe de Cork, a Mardi Gras group and year-round collection of *bon vivants* who will doubtless be a part of his opening and success at the new bar.

**About Patrick's Bar Vin**

Patrick's Bar Vin is an upscale "Wine Bar" unlike any other venue in the French Quarter. Patrick's Bar Vin caters to the casual and knowledgeable wine enthusiast who desires a tasteful atmosphere where they can have a unique experience unlike any other in the French Quarter. Patrick's Bar Vin is the perfect gathering place; before going out, or winding down after a night in the Vieux Carré. For more information, visit Patrick Bar Vin's website: [www.PatricksBarVin.com](http://www.PatricksBarVin.com).

**About the New Orleans Hotel Collection**

The New Orleans Hotel Collection is a group of seven fine hotels in the New Orleans metropolitan region owned by local investors. Comprised of the Bourbon Orleans, Dauphine Orleans, Saint Louis Hotel, Wyndham Riverfront, Audubon Cottages, Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport and the new Hotel Le Marais, these are boutique and small upscale meeting hotels in prime locations throughout the city. For more information, visit the New Orleans Hotel Collection website: [www.neworleanshotelcollection.com](http://www.neworleanshotelcollection.com).

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