



Fire & Vine Hospitality Announces Leadership Change and Renewed Focus on Core Operations

Seattle, WA – July 14, 2020 – Fire & Vine Hospitality today announced changes to its leadership team and collection of Pacific Northwest-based restaurants and lodging. In order to ensure viability in this unprecedented time in the hospitality industry, CEO Chad Mackay and chef Jason Wilson determined that each will put their focus on their core operations. Wilson will continue to own and operate The Lakehouse and Civility & Unrest and complete his three-year tenure as Fire & Vine Hospitality culinary director. Mackay will remain CEO of Fire & Vine Hospitality and manage Aerlume, AQUA by El Gaucho, El Gaucho Bellevue, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver, and Eritage Resort, as well as provide marketing and operational support for Revelers Club properties Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing.

“During the last few months, we evaluated every aspect of our business and determined that we will focus on what we do best and are most passionate about. Prioritizing our core properties will be especially important as we work to open two new El Gaucho locations over the next year,” said Chad Mackay, CEO, Fire & Vine Hospitality. “We admire and support Jason and appreciate his contributions to our team.”

“I am proud of what we were able to accomplish together at Fire and Vine and I am grateful that the friendship that started our partnership will continue,” said chef Jason Wilson. “With all the change and challenges in the restaurant industry, I am fortunate to be able to focus on The Lakehouse and Civility & Unrest. Cooking in my restaurant is a source of joy, and a place to get back to roots and enjoy the craft that has given me so much.”

The Fire & Vine Hospitality team remains committed to providing exceptional places for people to gather to revel and celebrate life, and to be an excellent employer and partner. The company is on track to open a new El Gaucho Seattle location in the fall of 2020 and the Vancouver, WA location will follow in early 2021.

“We believe in our team, industry and community and are in this for the long haul,” said Mackay. “As we celebrate the 20th anniversaries of El Gaucho Portland and AQUA by El Gaucho, we reflect on our ability to overcome tough times, build on our strengths and feel confident in our path forward.”

[Revelers Club](#) loyalty program members will be able to earn and redeem points and rewards at The Lakehouse, Civility & Unrest and Miller's Guild through August 31, 2020. Following that date, members can earn and redeem points at all other Fire & Vine Hospitality locations. Moving forward, Miller's Guild will be owned and operated by Nicole Wilson and she is planning to reopen the restaurant soon.

Fire & Vine Hospitality and Revelers Club loyalty program properties include:

- Aerlume
- AQUA by El Gaucho
- El Gaucho Seattle, Bellevue, Tacoma, Portland, and Vancouver, WA
- Eritage Resort
- Walla Walla Steak Co.
- Crossbuck Brewing

About Chef Jason Wilson

Jason's tenure in the restaurant business spans over 25 years. As chef/partner at The Lakehouse and Civility & Unrest, and throughout his career, Jason's talent for cooking American regional food in the Pacific Northwest has earned numerous awards in the culinary world. His first restaurant, CRUSH, propelled him as an innovator in modern cooking styles and a leader in fine dining, both locally and nationally. Opening Miller's Guild brought a new level of wood-fired craft cooking to Seattle and earned a spot on Fodor's "Top 10 Steak Houses in the Nation." Jason is a proud recipient of James Beard Award Best Chef Northwest, Food & Wine magazine's "Best New Chef" and Puget Sound Business Journal's "40 under 40". www.TheLakehouseBellevue.com and www.CivilityandUnrest.com

About Fire & Vine Hospitality

The Fire & Vine Hospitality team provides operational leadership, culinary expertise and product sourcing, marketing and technology support for some of the Pacific Northwest's most iconic hotels and restaurants including El Gaucho Seattle, Bellevue, Tacoma, Portland and Vancouver, AQUA by El Gaucho, Eritage Resort and Aerlume, located steps from Seattle's Pike Place Market. The Revelers Club is the industry's most generous rewards program designed to reward and honor our guest's loyalty and provide benefits at each Fire & Vine property, as well as Walla Walla Steak Co. and Crossbuck Brewing. Free to join, the Revelers Club shares birthday and anniversary gifts at each level of the program and members receive points for every dollar spent.

Each Fire & Vine Hospitality property is unique to the community it serves but all share the following attributes.

- Service – We provide every guest with a unique, unparalleled experience. We revel in celebrating lives.
- Quality - Our mission is to source the best in the world for our guests to enjoy.
- Community – Building a strong community through financial giving and sharing time and resources is a core company value.

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