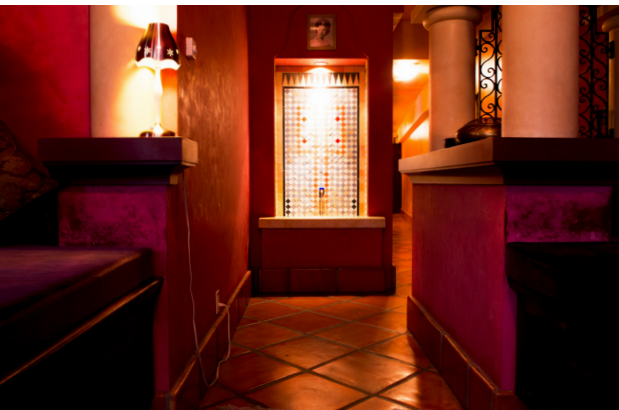


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GEM CITY GUIDE

From the Publisher


As the Publisher and Curator of this, the fifth edition of the Gem City Guide, I am proud to share with you the exciting evolution of the Guide as we continue to create the most authoritative, informative, useful guide to luxury living in the Vancouver region. We have added several new clients, certainly. But we have also added editorial stories, complete with introductions to each section of the Guide, written by some of this city's finest, most knowledgeable writers and editors.


Vancouver is one of the leading cities in the world for luxury goods and experiences. New boutiques, fine restaurants, design showrooms, are opening at a rapid pace. The Guide is a sure way to find even the most hidden gems, and to easily negotiate the establishments showcased here. We worked hard to provide an even better, more thorough map, for your convenience.


I have lived in Vancouver all my life, and have seen much change over the years. But I have never seen such an exciting buzz in the city, created by visitors and locals alike. The finer things in life are all around us, and the Gem City Guide is the perfect way to find everything you need, and maybe one or two things you didn't even know about. Enjoy your exploration of this beautiful city, with Gem City as your Guide.

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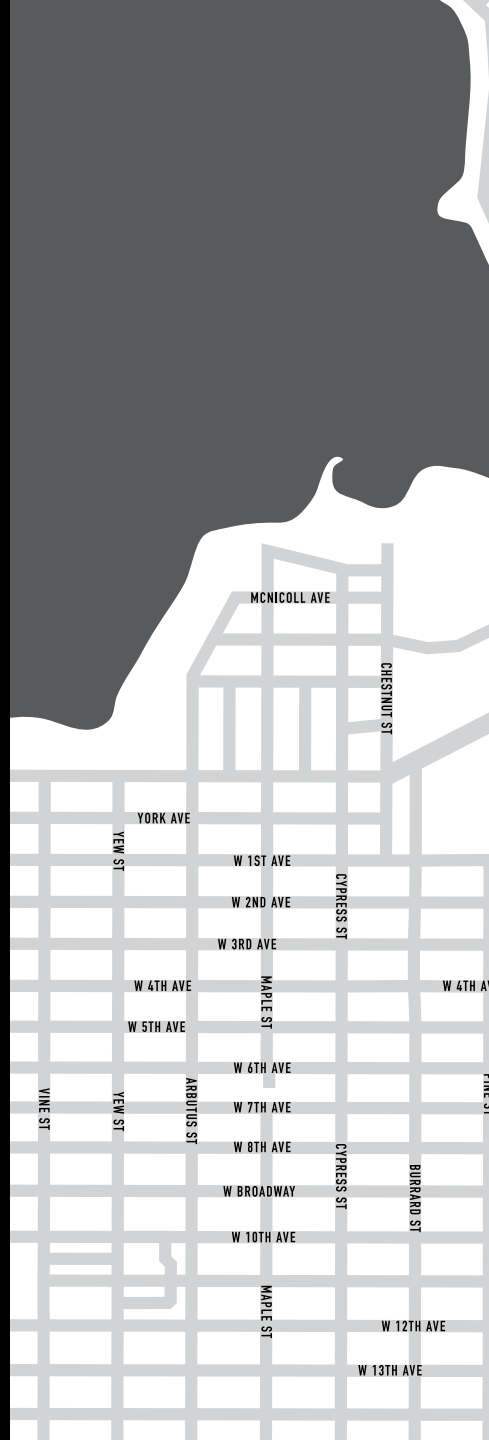
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LOOKING FOR *Luxury Fashion & Accessories*

Luxury isn't a price tag on a piece of clothing, it's an experience. It's comfort and extravagance, service and quality, bespoke and unique. Vancouver has an abundance of luxury shopping for a relatively small "big city". You just need to know where to look.

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The exciting news is that Stefano Ricci and Chopard have boutiques now. Ricci is on Georgia, near Burrard, and Chopard is also on Georgia, right at Burrard. These are luxury by its truest definition, and well worth visiting, to see what makes a brand great.

If shoes are more your thing, there are plenty of options here, too. Xixo Leather Artistry excels with Cuadra handmade leather shoes, Rowan Sky brings a thoughtfully curated collection of Canadian and European footwear, and Livestock—with locations in Gastown and Chinatown—is the place to go to satisfy your sneaker addiction.

To polish off your outfit, you can't go wrong with an elegant jacket. Stefano Ricci is indisputably the premiere choice in the city for men's jackets. Their 2,600 sq. ft. space brings their first standalone Canadian boutique to Vancouver, and with it their unique brand of Italian opulence and quality. Neighbours include Saint Laurent, Prada, and De Beers, to name only a few.

— Aleeza Khan



STEFANO RICCI

It was a notable occasion when iconic Italian men's fashion brand Stefano Ricci opened its Vancouver boutique in early 2017. This is only the fourth boutique in North America, after Beverly Hills, New York and Las Vegas. The timing could not be better. The accomplished staff are specialists in made-to-measure creations, all in-house, a key component in the Ricci universe. The boutique is language-friendly, as well; English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Korean, Taiwanese, Japanese, and German are all spoken.

Ready-to-wear, shoes, leather goods, and junior boyswear all grace the boutique. There is

a stunning Home Collection, jewellery, and an available custom order option for hand-made Italian furniture. One recent client left the store as the ecstatic new owner of a classic leather jacket with removable fur collar, a unique piece that could be changed from classic leather to biker style in a few seconds. The world of Stefano Ricci holds multitudes of special items, all made to exacting standards by the finest artisans in Italy, and all designed by Mr. Ricci himself. Even a cursory visit to this store will transport you into a wonderful new world.

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CHOPARD BOUTIQUE GWC

The splendid Chopard boutique, located in the Cathedral Place building, is a magnet for seekers of fine jewellery and watches. The company was founded in 1860, by Louis-Ulysse Chopard. It was an artisanally-driven watch manufacturer, and stayed in the family until it was sold to Karl Sheuffle III, in 1963. It has remained in that family ever since, and remains one of very few iconic luxury brands that is family owned and operated.

Caroline and Karl-Friedrich Sheuffle continue their father's work to this day. In fact, Caroline's early sketches resulted in the launch of the jewellery lines, to augment the

watches. Boutique Manager Moe Monemi says, "They are not just symbolic leaders. They have great passion for the business, and are directly involved." Chopard famously is sponsor of the Cannes Film Festival, so they have burnished the reputations of many a star. The fine watch manufacturer is in Fleurier, Switzerland, where complete watch movements are made strictly in-house. Many aficionados come to Vancouver to obtain a rare limited edition piece, available in Canada only right here on Georgia Street.

萧邦是高级珠宝与手表爱好者的聚集地，在温哥华有罕见的限量作品。此公司由Louis-Ulysse Chopard于1860年创立，着重于手工制造手表。萧邦于1963年卖给了Karl Sheuffle III，是当今极少数仍是家族企业的指标奢侈品牌之一。





REVOLUCION

Revolucion caters to a special breed of West Coast man, one who takes genuine pleasure in well-crafted things, but who has no time for rigidity or officiousness. All stock is curated from the finest sources and brands to provide you with a one-stop-shop for all you need to enjoy a confident lifestyle. From Cuban cigars and typical tobacco shop accessories to attractive sports watches and cufflinks, our Vancouver smoke shop has something that will help you stand out from the crowd.

The shop proves it is possible to honour the charm and quality of the classics. The premium cigar selection includes both popular and

hard-to-find selections sourced by experienced tobacconists from the finest growing regions in the world—Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, and of course Cuba. This is an Appointed Habanos (Cuban) Cigar Specialist Store, having met all the requirements based on Habanos SA (The Official Cuban Cigar Co.) and Havana House Canada (Official Cuban Cigar Importer of Canada). You can pop in to Revolucion for a scotch tasting, or for one of their regular cigar-rolling demonstrations. You'll soon be planning more visits, and stocking up on your new “needs”.

Revolucion烟店聚集了多样化的雪茄、烟草、手表与袖扣。优质的尼加拉瓜、多米尼加共和国与古巴雪茄都可在这入手。





SECRET LOCATION

Carey Melnichuk continues to evolve her singular vision, at the wonderful Secret Location concept store in Vancouver's Gastown. From the moment you pass the demure entrance into the store itself, a sense of adventure, surprise, and wonder ensues. Rare, hard-to-find fashion lines and a thoughtfully, carefully curated selection of extraordinary goods are all here for your consideration.

Regular seasonal tours of major cities around the world enable Ms. Melnichuk to create a unique opportunity for clients to partake in the finest in the world of fashion, beauty, homeware, and even beautiful books. This a comprehensive,

invigorating, and exciting luxury lifestyle experience. Great care is taken to feature garments made in socially conscientious, and environmentally friendly conditions. The search is always on for local, Canadian designers as well, who have earned a place on the world stage. That is what Secret Location is: a beautiful representation of the best the world has to offer.

Secret Location聚集了经过熟虑而挑选的罕见稀有商品。Melnichuk女士四季定期到世界大城市收购顶级的时尚商品、美容商品、家居用品与书籍。



ROWAN SKY

With quality in mind, and a nod to nostalgia, Rowan Sky is built on the concept of bringing good shoes to good people. Located in the heart of Vancouver's Gastown, the historic neighbourhood complements the esthetics of Rowan Sky, and evokes the feeling of friendliness, fun and creativity they strive to deliver. With a keen eye for the beauty of fine footwear, co-founders Nima Farahmand and Troy Cruickshank, travel extensively to find new and exciting front-of-line brands.

Rowan Sky aims to help you find the footwear that is best suited to your style and

needs. Service is accomplished, knowledgeable, and never presumptuous. Their team is always eager to help and educate customers on their brands, as well as the maintenance of their footwear. With a beautiful collection of brands that encompasses quality, design, comfort and durability, finding something new that excites all senses is effortless.

Rowan Sky的概念是好鞋子给好人穿。创办人Farahmand与Cruickshank不断寻找创新与令人兴奋的品牌,他们的目标是帮每位客人找到最适合自己的风格与需求的鞋子。



COUTURIST

The style curators at Couturist live by the “three Cs”: as they search the globe for fresh women’s fashion to bring home to Vancouver, each item they select must be contemporary, must be chic, and must be comfortable. The independent boutique stands out in a neighbourhood better known for mega-brand chains—it first grew a following as a series of in-demand pop-up shops, and finally opened a permanent location on Robson Street in early 2016. There is the Couturist label, which reveals its influences from Korea, Japan and China. The diversity on the racks in the clean, pared-down space ensures a find for everyone; look for labels that combine

international style and confidence with ethics and surprising value, like laid-back Australian brand Fifth Label, Korean-Italian eyewear from Front, denim from L.A.’s Just Black Denim and EVIDNT. There is cool, up-cycled bullet-casing jewellery from Half United, the U.S. initiative that donates meals to hungry children for every item sold. At Couturist, the fully curated pieces are one of a kind, limited quantity, and unique.

Couturist是位于Robson街的独特女性精品服饰店。流行、时髦与舒适是这里的宗旨。从世界八方精心挑选的流行单品与品牌等您来发掘。



GLOBAL ATOMIC DESIGNS

Global Atomic Designs may be Yaletown's longest-running boutique, operating since 1998. More recently, it has transformed into a bit of an underground emporium, a tucked-away secret; walk by too quickly down Mainland Street and you might miss it. For the Lower Mainland's more style-conscious residents, the down-the-brick-hallway general store has long been a trusted source for the right assortment of stylish apparel, footwear and accessories.

Carrying progressive, hard-to-find contemporary brands like Odeur, The Last Conspiracy, Religion UK; well-recognized international labels like G-Star Raw, John

Varvatos, Scotch & Soda, Diesel; plus street wear mainstays Zanerobe, Publish; all ensure there's something for everybody. Not to neglect local talents, Global Atomic also carries up-and-coming Vancouver stylemakers such as Purple Denim, Noctex and Le Fonce Cloth. If fashion's not your cup of tea, try an espresso made using exclusive butter-roasted coffee beans at the in-store Black Echo Coffee Bar.

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Photo: Arc Restaurant & Bar

CASING THE JOINT, OKANAGAN STYLE

By Anthony Gismondi

There isn't a day that goes by that someone
doesn't ask me about the Okanagan Valley.

The questions are inevitable; where to stay, what to eat, and most important, which wineries do you visit? The answers were simple a couple of decades ago, but in 2019, your choices are only limited by time and imagination. Since I am all about the wine, I thought I would share a brief 4-day itinerary based on the premise of collecting a case of outstanding wine.

If you didn't know, the new Okanagan is all about sagebrush, cactus and a desert-like dry environment in Oliver and Osoyoos, hanging benches and ancient soils in Naramata and Summerland, and the steep-sided cool-climate slopes of Kelowna and Lake Country. It's neither Napa nor Bordeaux or Burgundy, but it is a pristine, wild and unforgettable place. As for the best wines, most are on a short leash (some even require a club membership card) so if you want to get your case, an Okanagan road trip is in your future.

My 4-day tour begins North of Kelowna in Lake Country, with an early morning start at

O'Rourke's Peak Cellars to explore some delicious pinot noir. Nearby at Parallel 50 pinot noir is a similar story and the indoor-outdoor Block One restaurant is a must stop for lunch or dinner. Back in East Kelowna, the Leeds-certified Tantalus Vineyards with its stunning collection of First Nation masks and the oldest riesling vines in the valley should be on your bucket list. Nearby the wholly rebuilt CedarCreek Estate awaits with its European vibe, a spectacular "club" house and a new full-service, upscale, restaurant overlooking Okanagan Lake. The outstanding single block chardonnay and pinot noir are worth the trip alone. Spend the evening at the Delta Marriott Grand Okanagan resort and end your day with a nightcap on the inviting lakeside patio bar.

Start Day 2 with the best breakfast in the valley at Sunny's - A Modern Diner on the Kelowna waterfront, before heading south to West Kelowna for mandatory stops at The Hatch, Quails' Gate and Mission Hill, all within 5 minutes of each other on the slopes of Mount

Boucherie. Lunch at The Terrace at Mission Hill or the Old Vines Patio & Restaurant at Quails' Gate will be memorable. Taste the Mission Hill Legacy series, Quails' Gate pinot noir and chardonnay and The Hatch Hobo Series. Next up is a lakeside stop halfway between Peachland and Summerland at Fitzpatrick Family Wines. The draw here is traditional method sparkling wine and another jaw-dropping Bistro patio. Your journey continues south in Summerland for a short course in organics, biodynamics, concrete-ageing and minimal intervention winemaking at the bustling Okanagan Crush Pad. From here it's a quick ride around the south end of Okanagan Lake to Penticton; stay the night at the Penticton Lakeside Resort in the new all-wood wing overlooking the lake.

Day 3 begins on the famed Naramata Bench. Visits at Hillside, Lake Breeze, Bench 1775, Upper Bench and Terravista will all reward with unique wines and spectacular views. From Naramata head south along East Side Road to the Skaha

Bench. Your first stop should be Painted Rock, where the wines to taste are the cabernet franc and Red Icon. Moving south on the east side of Okanagan Falls, be sure to visit Meyer Family Winery where the focus is "Burgundian-style" chardonnay and pinot noir. From here head to Black Sage Bench in east Oliver, and try to stop at Le Vieux Pin, Bartier Bros. and Phantom Creek. Then cross the valley to the west and Oliver's famed Golden Mile Bench. High on our list are visits at Culmina, Road 13, Checkmate, Hester Creek and Tinhorn Creek. The latter two offer perfect dinner stops at Miradoro and Hester Creek by Raudz before you bed down for the night at The Watermark Beach Resort in downtown Osoyoos.

Your final day should begin with coffee, and a breakfast sandwich at Jo Jo's in downtown Osoyoos before heading out to LaStella, Moon Curser and Nk'Mip Cellars where you can enjoy a delicious al fresco style lunch on the patio before you head to the airport. See you next time.

THE CASE

CEDARCREEK

Platinum Block 5 Single Vineyard
Chardonnay 2016,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$35

CHECKMATE

Artisanal Winery
Opening Gambit Merlot 2014,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$85

HAYWIRE

Vintage Bub 2013,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$35

HILLSIDE

Syrah 2016, *Naramata Bench,*
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$26

LASTELLA

Espressivo 2015,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$40

LE VIEUX PIN

Equinoxe Syrah 2015,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$80

MEYER FAMILY VINEYARDS

Pinot Noir Micro Cuvée 2017,
Okanagan Falls, Okanagan Valley,
British Columbia \$60

MISSION HILL FAMILY ESTATE

Oculus 2014,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$135

PAINTED ROCK

Cabernet Franc 2016,
Skaha Bench, Okanagan Valley,
British Columbia \$45

QUAILS' GATE

Pinot Noir Richard's Block 2016,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$55

TANTALUS OLD VINES

Riesling 2015,
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$31

TERRAVISTA

Albarino 2018, *Naramata Bench,*
Okanagan Valley, British Columbia \$25

Mark Taylor

THE NEW KID IN RED MOUNTAIN

Vancouver's Aquilini family, best known as owners of the Vancouver Canucks NHL hockey franchise and Rogers Arena, is now also the latest to make a foray as a wine producer in Washington State's Red Mountain AVA, in the South East of the state.

The senior Aquilini, Luigi, emigrated from Brescia, Italy to Vancouver in 1957, where he worked in the construction industry and then started his own construction company in the 1960s. Fast-forward about 40 years; Luigi's three sons have joined their father and are now Managing Directors of the Aquilini Investment Group, overseeing a number of subsidiaries including Aquilini Brands.

Aquilini Brands was formed in 2009 and is now led by Barry Olivier. Olivier has a history in Vancouver, importing fine boutique-level wines from top producers around the world. Over time, as Olivier helped to stock fine wine enthusiast Francesco Aquilini's wine cellar, the connection was made between the two, and soon enough Francesco asked Olivier if he would make him his own fine wine. Olivier agreed.

A long search, which took them around the world looking for the right land to purchase, finally culminated in 2013 when 671 acres of the Washington State's Red Mountain AVA was put up for auction. The total acreage of the AVA is 4,040 so it was a significant auction. The Aquilinis outbid everyone for the entire parcel. Olivier didn't take long to surround himself with the best, bringing in Washington State's terroir expert Kevin Pogue to evaluate the vineyards and to find the best parcels to plant. They then hired world-renowned winemaker Philippe Melka as their winemaking consultant.

The Aquilinis are in some great company in Red Mountain, and they find themselves in likely the most promising AVA to get to that 100-point wine in the future, without spending a fortune on purchasing another, already famous, winery. Time will tell, but after trying all of the other wines in Red Mountain I think their future looks bright.

The current vintage of Aquilini wines were made from Red Mountain grapes from neighboring vineyards and show great potential for Red Mountain. This is with the exception of their Rosé, which is made from a nearby Horse Heaven Hills vineyard also purchased by the Aquilinis.

The Aquilini Investment Group has also established itself in Food and Hospitality with the acquisition of Toptable group, which owns some of the best restaurants around the city. They have also added some other excellent restaurants to their portfolio over the past few years.

The Aquilini wines can be found in the following Vancouver restaurants, and I recommend you try at least one. You won't be disappointed in your dining experience. As always, if you have not tried the wine before or you are uncertain, I recommend you ask your Sommelier for help in selecting your wine:

Blue Water Café

bluewatercafe.net

Cin Cin Italian Cucina

cincin.net

Elisa Steak

elisasteak.com

West Restaurant

westrestaurant.com



Mark Taylor CHAMPAGNE DE VENOGÉ

We talk about luxury products throughout Gem City Guide, and present the best of luxury products to our readers. Therefore, it is a must to include the world's most luxurious wine, and that wine is champagne.

When I travel to Champagne, I never miss an opportunity to visit Champagne de Venogé in the city of Epernay. Walking down the famous Avenue de Champagne is an experience all in itself, but stopping in at L'Hôtel de Venogé will give you a taste of some fantastic wines, and a view into Epernay from the year 1900 to the present.

L'Hôtel de Venogé has been re-constructed to reflect itself when the original construction was completed in 1900. Sitting in the restored Louis XV salon, sipping on a glass of champagne in specially designed and crafted de Venogé champagne flutes is the epitome of a luxury experience.

Those are great moments in life that we should all enjoy, and although I recommend a visit to Epernay to anyone, you can have an excellent luxury experience in Vancouver with the same champagnes. Champagne makes for a perfect aperitif and accompanies more foods as a great pairing than any other wine you will find. Every time I open a bottle of Champagne de Venogé, I get the same luxurious experience in the glass as I did in Champagne. The wines define refinement and elegance.

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IN VANCOUVER THAT YOU SHOULDN'T MISS. AND
THEY ALL SERVE CHAMPAGNE DE VENOGÉ ON
THEIR WINE LIST:**

**Provence
Marinaside**
provencemarinaside.ca

**La Terrazza
Restaurant**
laterrazza.ca

**Giardino di
Umberto**
umberto.com/giardino/

**Ancora
Waterfront
Dining**
ancoradining.com

Bluewater Café
bluewatercafe.net

**Hart House
Restaurant**
harthouserestaurant.com

A quaff of any Champagne will give you a great experience, but not all Champagnes are the same. Not even from the same producer. There are many different quality levels of Champagne as well as different styles and sweetness levels of Champagne. If you are not sure which Champagne to choose, I would recommend asking your Sommelier for help in choosing the right bottle. The staffs at all of these restaurants are very knowledgeable and helpful. That's why they are on the list.

Of note, de Venogé only produces cuvées, which in the case of Champagne, you can therefore assume the wine is a special blend of the house. My own family, who are not wine connoisseurs at all, can immediately appreciate the elevated difference a cuvées like the Cordon Bleu from Champagne de Venogé makes over other similarly priced Champagnes from other producers. They love it.



FAUBOURG BOULANGERIE-PÂTISSERIE

To French history buffs, the name Faubourg may evoke layers of meaning—ancient villages; the reign of Louis XVI; the bread bakers who fed a revolution—but Vancouver’s three Faubourg boulangeries-pâtisseries are note-perfect slices of today’s Paris, not the Paris of postcards. The bright, urban cafes, each with unique twists of modern Parisian design, welcome you in with glass counters laden with buttery croissants, irresistible pastries, quiches and sandwiches, and crisp French breads, all crafted fresh on site, right down to the house-made ice cream. For the full French experience, try the afternoon salon tea at the Kerrisdale location:

an expert “tea sommelier” guides you through a range of exclusive Mariage Frères blends, then pairs your choice with perfect bites in savoury and sweet.

古典法式咖啡館在Faubourg麵包糕點屋完美重現。新鮮糕點搭配限量法式花茶，讓人享受生活的浪漫下午茶。



ARC RESTAURANT & BAR

The best things in Vancouver—amazing views, great local food, and relaxed evenings with friends—all come together at ARC, the cozy and stylish lounge and restaurant at Fairmont Waterfront. There is a fabulous wrap-around patio, too, with splendid views of the harbour and the North Shore mountains. This buzzy spot features warm live music, delicious plates and garden-to-glass cocktails, and, capping it off, a sweep of windows offering gorgeous peeks of the harbour.

A commitment to seasonal, traceable, and hyperlocal is evident under the tasty care of chef Anthony Marzo, with stints at Wikininnish, in the UK at Wild Honey, Club Gascon and Rhodes

24, and at Cin Cin all under his belt.

Chef Marzo's technical approach is guided by his passion for ingredients, and it shows in his re-envisioned culinary approach with menus of each season and in the perennial ARC board—a massive, crowd-pleasing plank featuring a trio of Ocean Wise seafoods or local meats complemented with house-made sauces and fresh vegetables (many grown right in ARC's own rooftop garden).

ARC位于Fairmont Waterfront内的ARC餐厅融合了温哥华最好的山脉海港景色，当季食材料理与愉快轻松的环境。主厨 Anthony Marzo的招牌创意料理【ARC板】配有三种环保海鲜，本地蔬菜及肉类料理搭配自制酱汁。





KOBE JAPANESE STEAK & SEAFOOD HOUSE

50 years of fine dining in Vancouver? The answer is an emphatic yes! Celebrating a remarkable 50 years in business, Kobe Steak House looks forward to the next 50 as well, serving the freshest, finest food. Many pretenders have come and gone, but the first, original, and authentic Japanese teppanyaki house, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, is still giving Vancouverites the time of their lives. It is part performance art, and all culinary delight. Cuts of meat are sliced and diced to perfection, each then seasoned, so that every morsel has amazing flavour. Owned by the same family since 1969, Kobe Steak House is a jubilant celebration: gregarious chefs with big skills and bigger personalities chop, sear, and entertain right at table, bringing the

party while happy diners cheer at the bursts of flame, toast with signature cocktails, and dig into choice seafoods and meats, including authentic Wagyu beef from Japan's Miyazaki prefecture. It is all made even more enchanting through the art of teppanyaki, the ancient searing technique. For 50 years and counting, Kobe has been very different in the best way—a spirit of fun for locals and visitors who like to step far out of the ordinary.

Kobe Japanese Steak & Seafood House 餐厅营运50周年。在接下来的50年也会持续提供最新鲜美味的料理，包括来自宫崎县的正宗和牛。温哥华第一家正宗日本铁板烧屋，完美融合了表演艺术与烹饪技术。

Celebrating **KOBE** 50 Years!





PROVENCE MARINASIDE

Fresh, chic and romantic, Provence Marinaside is part refined Marseilles, part relaxed Vancouver—and all warmth and welcome. Founders and chefs Jean-Francis and Alessandra Quaglia have built a slice of Southern France along Yaletown's bustling waterfront, offering Mediterranean-inspired French cuisine with a focus on seasonal and local product. Along with signature crab and lobster dishes, you'll find omelettes and benedicts, tartines and brioche, West Coast-style bouillabaisse, and double-tiered platters bursting with consummately prepared seafood.

On sunny days, the glass patio walls open up, bringing the outside in and creating an ideal spot to watch boats and cyclists and locals with their tiny dogs go by. You'll definitely want to get yourself something to sip, too: with 48 vintages on tap from the dramatic "wine wall" plus 90+ bottles to try, Provence Marinaside has a fabulous wine-by-the-glass program like nowhere else in the city.

清新、雅致、浪漫。Provence Marinaside融合了精致马赛风格与温哥华轻松风格。著名的地中海法式螃蟹与龙虾料理搭配葡萄酒绝不容错过。





BOULEVARD KITCHEN

Situated in the heart of downtown Vancouver, Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar continues to redefine the fine art of dining thanks to its seafood-focused cuisine, exceptional service, wide-ranging list of wine and cocktails and authentic European ambiance.

The recipe behind Boulevard's award-winning and seasonally inspired fare is written by Executive Chef – Signature Restaurants Alex Chen—the 2018 Vancouver Magazine Chef of the Year and Canadian Culinary Champion—and Executive Chef Roger Ma, an alumnus of Daniel Boulud's dining empire. Seasoned industry veteran Executive General Manager JP Potters leads an exceptional service team.

Now celebrating its fifth anniversary, Boulevard bolstered its reputation for excellence by earning consecutive gold medals in the Best Upscale and Best Seafood categories at the 2018 and 2019 Vancouver Magazine Restaurant Awards, the 2019 Where to Dine Vancouver Award for Best Hotel Dining and the No. 31 spot on the prestigious 2019 list of Canada's 100 Best Restaurants.

The restaurant also features a seated oyster bar, craft-cocktail and champagne bar, private dining quarters, expansive wrap-around outdoor patio and the luxurious, vintage-style Gerard Lounge.

Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar以海鲜美食, 卓越服务, 多种类酒品与欧风气氛不断的重新定义美食艺术。此餐厅荣获多次殊荣, 包括2019年温哥华杂志最佳高档餐饮与海鲜餐饮金奖与2019年加拿大100家最佳餐厅第31位。





LA TERRAZZA

It was a full twenty years ago when Gennaro Iorio, Giulio Miceli and Iqbal Grewal opened the high-ceilinged, well-spaced and elegant Italian restaurant La Terrazza. It has been evolution upon evolution since then, keeping things lively, fresh, and vital. An extensive renovation gave the place a more Venetian feel: lovely chandeliers, wooden beams, a fantastic pure walnut bar in the lounge, and all with a keen sense of making it all deeply authentic Italian.

Fresh burrata from Puglia twice a week, that almost never lasts an evening's service; Venetian-style carpaccio; carbonara but with a flourish of fresh lobster. The local provenance

means this is Italian with a West Coast flourish, not fusion food, just deeply delicious, with plenty of fresh ingredients. The braciolette di vitello, in limited nightly quantities, is to die for. Giulio's feature pasta is tagliolini all' olio with black tiger prawns, capers and garlic and toasted prosciutto with bread crumbs. And the strozzapreti Bolognese cannot be missed. Authentic, gorgeous, memorable to the last sip of espresso, with an unrivalled wine list to make it all a complete experience. This is a special place.

「La Terrazza」是道地、华丽、令人难忘的意大利美食餐厅。每星期从南意普利亚购入的新鲜布拉塔乳酪令人垂涎三尺。





FAYUCA

Fayuca is inspired by the free flow of flavours and ideas across borders, up and down the Pacific coastline, from the state of Baja California in Mexico to the province of British Columbia in Canada. This delightful, tasty place meticulously sources products from the best farms, fisheries, and suppliers. Farmed products are organic or chemical free, whenever possible. All seafood is sustainable and wild-caught.

Each dish is memorable, from the grilled cactus with Halloumi cheese, avocado and charred salsa verde, or the albacore tuna ceviche with avocado, green aguachile, through to such main courses as lamb belly barbacoa that's served

with house-made tortillas, and the caguamanta, a Pacific Northwest Mexican seafood stew with Humboldt squid, gaujillo, and tomato.

Fayuca's innovative, handcrafted cocktail menu pays tribute to Mexico's esoteric mysticism, and its top shelf has the largest selection of mezcal in the city. Fayuca pours beer from the best local breweries, and every wine on the menu is natural and free of sulfites. This is as much a cultural as a culinary adventure, sure to bring you back for more.

Fayuca的美食灵感来自于加拿大至墨西哥的太平洋海岸线。利用永久发展野生海产与健康蔬菜制作出一道道既难忘又充满冒险的美食料理。





CITY SIDE WINERY

Just outside downtown Vancouver, City Side Winery beckons. This unique, full-production winery houses a tasting room, wine lounge, wine store and Heritage Kitchen. It is truly an urban oasis, welcoming wine lovers and experts to the latest in the West Coast's growing wine culture. This new-concept winery, with its captivating ambiance, is a popular venue for hosting an array of family and corporate events.

Founded by a family of winemakers with strong roots in culture and history, City Side Winery is the place to go to experience wine

culture and genuine hospitality, splendid in its urban setting, more like home, in a non-commercial design. Wine education and appreciation are the focus. Wines from grapes sourced here in British Columbia, delicious dishes from the Heritage Kitchen, to match. This is a place you will want to return to.

City Side Winery是创新概念的全方位葡萄酒厂，店内包含品酒室、酒吧、销售区与餐厅。自产的葡萄酒搭配店内的美食与舒适气氛，City Side Winery是温哥华的市内桃源。





STAR LIMOUSINE

It can be hard to improve on any stay on the beautiful West Coast—unless, that is, you find your way in elegance and style with an impeccably professional car service. Wherever you need to go, Vancouver's chauffeur of choice will make getting there as delightful as being there. Travel, and arrive, in comfort and style. Incredible service to all the city's top hotels, all in exclusive late-model, and pristinely groomed vehicles. This personifies luxury.

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CULMINA

2007 marked the year wine industry icon Don Triggs began his career culmination: the aptly named, passionately conceived and beautifully executed Culmina Family Estate Winery. His wife and co-proprietor Elaine, daughter Sara, and talented vineyard and winemaking team all make Culmina a very special place to visit. The Tasting Room—with its great wines on offer, splendid views of the vineyard benches above and the expanse of the Okanagan Valley below—is open as of Friday, April 26th this year until the fall. A “Reserve Tasting” or even a specially curated VIP Vineyard & Winery Tour are the finest ways to gain an appreciation for Culmina.

The wine varieties have been carefully selected to ideally match the soils and climate, making every bottle something special. Crisp, nuanced riesling, the Okanagan's first grüner veltliner, elegant chardonnay, savoury rosé, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, malbec and merlot comprise the collection, with the Hypothesis red blend standing as the icon wine. No detail is overlooked, no measure too small. Culmina makes fantastic wine and is a wonderful winery to experience.

2007年年，葡萄酒界的指标人物Don Triggs与妻子子女儿在欧肯纳根湖区建立了自己的酒庄Culmina。他们也是首位在欧肯纳根湖区制作出绿维特利纳白酒的酒庄。酒庄开放于春季至秋季。



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The Advent of **LUXURY**

Verdant, lush and growing. No, not Vancouver's natural beauty, though that is a luxury in itself. We are talking about the luxury retail world, and Vancouver has indeed stepped onto the world stage.

From rare Himalayan black tea to high complications watches, from hand-woven neckties to Black Sea pearls, it is all here. And much more.

With five-diamond hotels such as Rosewood Hotel Georgia, Shangri-La, and The Wedgewood making a visit relaxing and refreshing, the luxury shops, often just steps away from your hotel lobby doors, require serious investigation, and offer ample rewards. Stefano Ricci has opened only its fourth North America location, right on Georgia Street. Directly across is the lovely TWG tea room, with over 500 teas on offer, so you can relax and contemplate that Ricci belt you just found.

Chopard, IWC Schaffhausen, Hublot, Jaeger-Lecoultre, have all opened corporate boutiques recently. De Beers, too. In the fashion world, not only has Nordstrom arrived, but boutiques for Brunello Cucinelli, Prada, Versace, Dior, Coach, Gucci, and a Louis Vuitton Maison are all ready to greet you. Carefully and expertly curated boutiques such as Couturist, The Cross, and Secret Location, provide unique, small-production high-end brands for your consideration. You really can have it all.

Real estate development has never been stronger in Vancouver, and with that, interior design and home styling are on the rise as well. There is Versace Home, Roche Bobois, the amazing Inform Interiors and the ultra-luxe Living Space, where brands such as Minotti are on full display.

The browsing, the buying, the peripatetic exertion, will bring you to the dining scene. West Coast themes mean seafood, certainly, but Vancouver runs the gamut, with high-quality cuisines from every part of the world taking on their own identities right here. Sushi by the legendary Tojo, inventor of the California roll; Peking duck and dim sum to die for at Mott 32; grilled branzino at Cin Cin; fresh-caught octopus at Botanist or at Blue Water Café; exhilarating takes on fresh and local at L'Abbatoir or Coquille; French Canadian bliss at St. Lawrence; deeply authentic Italian at La Terrazza, Cioppino or Giardino. The main challenge is how to fit all the great restaurants into your time. The real answer is to stay longer.

Luxury retail options are abounding and expanding in Vancouver. We welcome you to use our Guide, to make efficient use of your valuable time, and to encourage you to explore a little. You are likely to return for more.

- Jim Tobler



WHITE ORCHID REJUVENATION CENTRE

You cannot be in better hands than those of the doctors at White Orchid. The entire team brings a breadth and depth of knowledge, experience, and sensitivity to fulfilling their mission. That mission is to provide the finest in skin and laser treatments, using the most advanced technologies available. All treatments are done by the doctors themselves.

It begins with a complimentary consultation, in which treatments are recommended and discussed. Skin rejuvenation, laser hair removal, hydrotherapy, microneedling, LED

light therapy, laser vein therapy, are all part of an extensive list of services provided. This is a unique, special place, where only the best, highly-specialized doctors provide exactly the right treatments. Whether it is anti-aging, rejuvenation or aesthetic science, these are the hands you want to be in.

White Orchid Rejuvenation Centre的使命是用最先进的技术提供最好的皮肤和激光治疗。所有的医学美容治疗服务都由医生操作。



MIRAJ HAMMAM SPA

The practice of hammam was once called “the silent doctor”—an essential ritual that cleansed the skin and revived the soul. Nineteen years ago, Miraj Hammam Spa brought this eastern art to Vancouver by merging the hammam experience with the best elements of a luxury spa. The result has been so successful that in 2012 they expanded east, after being asked to become the official spa operators at Miraj Hammam Spa at the Shangri-La Hotel Toronto.

Within the marble walls of Miraj, under the cover of medicinal steam, pores open, limbs relax, and the mind awakens. A full-body scrub

using traditional Moroccan black soap comes next, followed by an expert massage to leave you glowing and energized. Make sure to take time afterward to relax in the sultan’s lounge—the complimentary tea and delicious sweet cakes simply complete the voyage.

Miraj Hammam結合了土耳其蒸汽浴與水療美容，讓您享受清潔皮膚與復活靈魂的中東洗浴習俗。傳統摩洛哥黑肥皂與專業按摩讓您恢復精神。





SALON DE NUVIDA WITH AVEDA

Salon de Nuvida, open in Yaletown since 2014, is a natural fit for a Pacific Rim city of many global influences. Nuvida is the Korean concept of “around the world”. The diverse backgrounds of the owners and the team are beautifully reflected by this. The team is internationally experienced, bringing knowledge and expertise from Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Australia, and across Canada.

The staff maintains a focus on constant education in international trends, cuts, and colour methods, and on building these looks on a foundation of healthy hair. Aveda plant-based botanical therapies are paired with

carefully selected Ayurvedic repair treatments, aromatherapies, and popular digital perms and straightening technologies that produce glossy, smooth hair requiring minimal maintenance. It's a hip, relaxed environment, complete with cups of organic tea, a calming private shampoo room, and unhurried head massages—all designed to make you love being there, and leave feeling great.

Salon de Nuvida发廊于2014年设于温哥华市区的耶鲁镇。Nuvida的韩文意思是世界各地，而这个概念反射在来自日本、韩国、台湾、澳洲与加拿大的发廊团队。





KOZAI MODERN

The Kozai Modern gallery brings together a tightly edited and exclusive collection of the best of local West Coast studio furniture and artisanal lighting, complemented by carefully selected and meticulously crafted chair and lighting lines from Japan.

Kozai is used by Japanese craftsmen to designate hardwoods and the gallery celebrates the unique character and personality of each and every piece of solid hardwood. Their collection reflects clean mid-century modern design, the intense Japanese focus on detail, and a less-is-more aesthetic. Their clean designs provide great functionality and superb ergonomic comfort.

Gallery partners Ron Cromie and Hideki Shimizu work closely with their clients to ensure the right furniture and lighting fit for their unique homes and lifestyles.

Kozai Modern 艺廊的「kozai」在日文的意思是「硬木」、而目的是赞扬每一块木头的独特性。店内聚集了顶级西岸设计师家具与从日本精心挑选的桌椅灯光设计品。





SHOWCASE PIANOS

Showcase Pianos is a keyboard wonderland. The collection, which includes some special pre-owned offerings, is comprised of eight exclusive manufacturers, including C. Bechstein, W. Hoffmann, and Wilh Steinberg. The world-renowned, innovative Fazioli pianos are a central part of the Showcase collection as well. Paolo Fazioli designs and creates amazing instruments, completely by hand, in his factory just outside Venice. These pianos took the concert performance world by storm, and Showcase is the exclusive dealer for this region.

The Broadway flagship store features a concert space, a recording studio, and an Academy, with

lessons for all ages of performers, plus an early education class for budding stars. Proprietor Manuel Bernaschek has created a thoughtful, nurturing environment for music experience and education, along with absolutely world-class performers coming in to share their knowledge and skills. Whether you are just starting out on a 5'2" Fazioli F 156, or bringing the house down and the curtain repeatedly up, with a 10'3" Fazioli F 308, Showcase is the place to be.

走入Showcase Piano仿佛走入钢琴仙境。独家制琴工艺商如贝希斯坦、霍夫曼、威廉史丹堡与法奇欧里都聚集在此。



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PAUL YGARTUA

Ygartua is a phenomenon, an innovative artist who has the ability to create and work on several differently styled paintings simultaneously. He is exceptionally prolific, and demonstrates great stylistic versatility. His creative universe is truly protean. Deeply eclectic.

Ygartua's eclectic universe will give you an opportunity to immerse yourself in the multifaceted world of the artist. His senses are on alert at all times. He is a visionary with an acute sensual perception and a facility to express these dramatic emotions with a spontaneity that brings life and emotion to the subject. This takes on many forms and many

directions. So to fill the needs of his deep and expressive imagination, Ygartua utilizes many techniques and styles. The complexity and the individuality that is expressed throughout his works accounts for his constant change of city and country—being inspired by the world and the people around him.

Creation and interpretation are Paul's life. In painting, he is at home in all mediums. His styles include Realism, Expressionism, Abstract Expressionism, Postmodernism, Surrealism, Abstract Surrealism and Future Conceptualism, a revolutionary technique developed and created by Ygartua. His continuous study and work



on techniques and painting mediums is made apparent throughout his vast body of work.

He was born in 1945 in Bebington, Cheshire (Liverpool) England. After graduating from the Faculty of Arts Industrial Design, Liverpool Art College in 1965, he immigrated to Vancouver, Canada. From then on painting became his whole existence. He is a painter and muralist with bases in Canada, France, Spain and England. He has single-handedly painted some of the largest public space murals in Canada and the United States. His most famous works are his “Heritage Series”, depicting North American Natives and other ethnic and cultural groups. He is renowned world wide for his monumental murals. “The World United” (100ftx25ft/3,048cmx762cm) is one of his

most notorious, commissioned by the United Nations for the United Nations Pavilion at the World Expo ‘86 Vancouver. His largest to date is “Legends of the Millennium”, over 9,000 square foot (24 ft x 390 ft/731 cm x 11,872 cm). The American website ASKART considers it probably the largest mural ever painted by a single artist. His most recent mural in 2013, United in History, commemorating the history of Denny Island and The Heiltsuk Nation, Bella Bella – Pauline Hilistis Waterfall.

Paul Ygartua 画家与壁画家, 1945年出生于英国贝宾顿, 于1965年移民至加拿大温哥华。多重风格与创新的作品里包括了“Heritage Series”, “The World United”, “Legends of the Millennium”等闻名大型壁画。

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Yes, this is about luxury goods, the finest and only the finest. But another word comes to mind. Thrifty. The Gem City Guide is all about being thrifty with the most important, vital component of life: Time.

We have delivered right into your hands a companion that will save you time, economize the moments, and get you amazing results. It is, simply, an authoritative, consultative, thorough guide to Vancouver's ever-growing luxury experience. Our team has lived in this community for a very long time, and we have seen the amazing growth in understanding, and appreciation of, luxury. This is an intimate, knowledgeable guide, organic, if you will.

My name is Mark Taylor, a lifelong resident of Vancouver, and I warrant you will not find a more entertaining, vibrant and downright useful guide to the luxury life Vancouver not only promises, but delivers.

We are always receptive to your comments, suggestions, your insights.

Many thanks, Mark


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A COMMENT ON WINE SCORES

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