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**Georgia Wine News**

For the new year, look for sparkling wines from Australia to grow in popularity here, especially sparkling Shiraz like Fox Creek, available through **Atlanta Wholesale Wine**. New to our market is Clover Hill Sparkling Wine 1999 from Tasmania, Australia, which received very favorable reviews in the local media and can be obtained from **Empire Distributors**.

**City Grill**, located in the historic Hurt Building in downtown Atlanta, is featuring a monthly Chef's Tasting Menu which unites wines and food from different regions around the world. Wines from Southern France, including Provence and the southern Rhone Valley, were offered in January. The Tasting Menu is prepared by Executive Chef Anne Moriarta. Since joining City Grill last summer, Moriarta has created a new a la carte menu that focuses on local and seasonal ingredients. The menu is designed to give customers more choices and greater value. Patrons have been enthusiastic about the changes.

**grace 17-20** is a new restaurant that opened this fall in the Forum at Peachtree Corners. Inspired by the California wine country, their seasonal cuisine is created by Chef Charles Schwab. Culinary Institute of America graduate Barbara DiJames is managing partner. The restaurant also has a sparkling water fountain where all proceeds collected are donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to seriously ill children. "part of the *grace* concept is our intention to give back to the community," says DiJames.

-- By Christine Hoard

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