



## Vancouver USA's BIG Year Ahead

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Buoyed by the grand opening of an award-winning, \$1.5 billion Waterfront development, Vancouver USA is emerging as one of the Northwest's most exciting destinations to visit in 2019.

The Waterfront continues to bustle with activity after last year's grand opening celebrations. Both Twigs Bistro and WildFin American Grill draw hungry crowds from sun up to sun down while their kitchens churn out a seemingly unending parade of delectable dishes and drinks. Nearby, Grant

Street Pier and the Vancouver Waterfront Park have quickly become an iconic destination backdrop—an “Instagram-able” must for anyone visiting and meeting in Vancouver.

Fortunately for visitors, another wave of new restaurants will add to the excitement when they drop anchor this spring and summer. Among those, Maryhill Winery is nearing closer to opening its 4,890-square-foot tasting room and has confirmed plans to feature live music performances in addition to its wines and small plates menu when it opens in late March or early April.

Just upstairs, Barlow’s Public House is readying for the summer crowds with a vibe of understated steakhouse elegance. Expect a menu laden with southern comfort foods and a self-serve beer and wine wall. Coming to life just across the street, Lake Oswego export Pizzeria sul Lago promises Neapolitan pizzas crafted with farm-foraged ingredients, and Stack 571 is preparing to serve its signature burgers and boozy shakes.

Still to come, an interactive art installation will serve as the final, crowning piece of the Vancouver Waterfront Park. Headwaters Wall (to be completed this spring) will feature a bronze topographical map of the area’s regional watershed and incorporate a hands-on water play component for children.

Of course, the Waterfront isn’t the only hotspot in Vancouver. Local favorite Woody’s Tacos has opened its new location at The Mill, proving that The Mill is Vancouver’s most buzz-worthy collection of dining destinations east of I-5 (check out perennial faves Ben’s Bottle Shop, Rally Pizza, Pines Coffee and Smokehouse Provisions, helmed by Top Chef contest BJ Smith).

Foodies will also appreciate the expansion and renovation currently underway at Columbia Food Park, which will allow it to house additional micro-sized purveyors of specialty eats alongside existing tenants Mack Shack and Anchor End. Former food cart Ingrid’s Good Street Food is making the move to Uptown Village in a brick-and-mortar space expected to open this March.

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