

# Spotlight On Business



## Subterra - A Wine Cellar Restaurant

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Subterra - A Wine Cellar Restaurant, is quickly becoming an icon in Newberg and tourist attraction in beautiful Yamhill Valley Wine Country. Nestled in the heart of Newberg, one should ask themselves, "Why make a trip to Portland when such elegant dining can be experienced in our own backyard?" This restaurant affords the unique dining experience of a friendly atmosphere with linen tablecloth cuisine at affordable pricing.

So how did the town of Newberg capture such a jewel? Let's meet the owners:

Janet Bleck and her husband Martin along with son Kelsey moved to Oregon in 2008 from tropical Miami,

Florida to fulfill their dream of living in Oregon and to participate in its vibrant food and wine scene. Martin, a chef, and Janet, a caterer, come from the world of high-end, off-premise, full-service event planning. Janet founded Creative Tastes Catering in 1984 and grew it to be one of the largest event catering companies in the South Florida area, with a star-studded client list and a pristine reputation.

When Martin was asked when he decided to pursue the path of culinary arts, he was quick in his reply, "I've always loved food." Martin refined his intuitive culinary skills and in 1991 met Janet, applied for a prep cook job, and the rest is history.

Upon moving to Oregon, when Janet and Martin saw the location of Subterra they realized the potential in opening an affordable fine dining restaurant. They feature their own breads, buns and pastas. The menu is a patchwork of complex, bold flavors pieced together from varied cuisines and brought together with classical technique, and is served by talented, friendly waitstaff in an amazingly ambient venue.

On a side note, if you are gluten intolerant, their menu boasts many entrées for you to choose from.

Their extensive ever-evolving wine and beer list offers a selection of local and global wines and craft beers. The remodeled bar features classic cocktails with a few modern twists, and a happy hour Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and drink specials.

In 2010 Janet and Martin expanded their culinary dreams to include catering. They formed The Rogue Gourmet Catering Company to offer both their years of experience in event coordination, and high-quality food service. In comparison to the fine dining provided by Subterra, The Rogue Gourmet Catering Company is able to meet a broader range of budgets and service a larger community.

Subterra is located at 1505 Portland Road in Newberg, at 99W and Villa Road, downstairs. Subterra can be reached at 503-538-6060, [subterrarestaurant@comcast.net](mailto:subterrarestaurant@comcast.net), or [www.subterrarestaurant.com](http://www.subterrarestaurant.com). The Rogue Gourmet Catering Company can be reached at 503-915-8810, [roguegourmet@comcast.net](mailto:roguegourmet@comcast.net), or [www.roguegourmet.com](http://www.roguegourmet.com)