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INTERVIEW WITH Chef Josh Monroe

apid River Magazine: INTERVIEWED BY DENNIS RAY What makes for an unforgettable dining experience?

Josh Monroe: An unforgettable dining experience begins with the basic components of the meal. We strive to bring fresh locally grown ingredients that are then prepared in our kitchen right before our customers. All entrees are prepared by the Executive Chef with creativity and style. The experi-



ence continues with a long term staff to maintain an atmosphere of family and community.

RRM: Tell us a little about the Chef's Table.

JM: The Chef's Table has been a part of Waynesville for eight years. The Executive Chef bought the restaurant three years ago from the original owner, Richard Miller, who also owns The Classic Wineseller.

Josh Monroe of the Chef's Table. Photo: Liza Becker

**RRM:** Your

cuisine has been specifically developed with wine pairing in mind. Can you give us some examples?

JM: The restaurant hosts wine dinners around five times a year with wine makers flown in from California. Each dinner features the wine makers' choice wines paired with our expertly selected cuisine.

**RRM:** Where did your love of wine originally come from?

JM: Wine actually chemically alters the taste of a meal. Our Executive Chef enjoys the challenge of finding the perfect pairing to create the most enjoyable cuisine experience possible.

**RRM:** What is your personal favorite wine you recommend to customers and why?

JM: Our Executive Chef loves the Molly Dooker line, from their value wines to their most expensive. Each wine is inspired, from its taste to its labelling.

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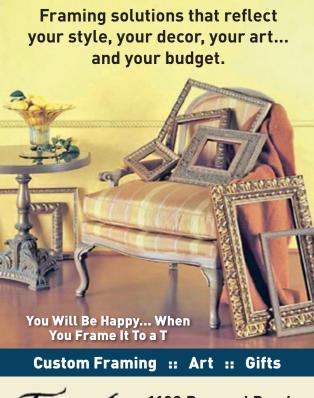
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