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### The Wine Guy Wine Shop, Wine Bar and Bistro Chef Spotlight on Dave Miller

## Quick Facts



**Dave Miller**  
Wine Guy Wine Shop

- **Position**  
Executive Chef
- **Favorite dish on menu**  
Lamb and bacon wrapped prawns
- **Favorite dish to prepare**  
Seared ginger and sesame tuna
- **Training** "I read every cookbook that comes my way."
- **Recommended wine**  
J Lohr. "It's a great everyday drink, with or without food."

**T**he Wine Guy Wine Shop, Wine Bar and Bistro is well known for its extensive wine collection (close to 3,000 different labels), but one man ensures that the food is just as prominent. He is Executive Chef Dave Miller and is the mastermind behind the food that turns new customers into regulars.

Although he grew up cooking and watching Julia Child on PBS along with his four older sisters, he never thought he would make a career out of his love for cooking. A catering job led to 25 years in the industry with experience in fast food, multi-faceted fine dining and private cooking. He says he stopped into Wine Guy simply seeking a part-time job.

Two and a half years later, Miller is executive chef and has also formed a close friendship with Wine Guy owner, Craig Decker.

Miller and Decker discuss every menu and wine choice in depth. They also work together to handcraft the ambrosia cherry wood tables that are accompanied by large, comfortable chairs – inviting guests to relax, enjoy and peruse the menu. Miller creates the fresh and unique menu items through a process of trial and error. "When it comes to food, my favorite part is designing something new whether it's fish, chicken or vegetable," said Miller. The secret is in the sauce. "I feel like the sauce makes the dish, so I'll always be playing with sauces at home."

Miller is quick to add that it is not a one man show, by any means. Everyone in the kitchen helps, tastes and tweaks. "These are great people to work with," said Miller. So great, in fact, that there is a waiting list for those interested in working at Wine Guy.

What does Miller do when he isn't busy in the Wine Guy kitchen? He's still cooking. "I like to entertain and love to cook for my friends and family," said Miller. He also enjoys riding his motorcycle and hopes to go on a food-related group ride in the future. "I also like golf, the rest is based around food," said Miller, "that and family, it's what life's about."



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