

BELLANOTTE

MINNEAPOLIS, MN



Bellanotte means “beautiful night” in Italian and to capture that feeling in the new restaurant and bar of that name in Minneapolis, MN, Mario Eccheveria and his design group selected a palette of “warm and color-infused tones where guests would be exposed to a brighter and warmer environment—unlike the harsh Minneapolis cold and long winters.”

The bar area “provides the energy” while the adjacent lounge is the place to relax in a pleasant atmosphere. The main bar is located off the entrance; a second bar is in the main dining room while a third is part of the lounge set-up.

The top of the main bar is a glowing amber onyx slab that “sets up the spirit” for the space. A free-standing wine tower is a focal element in this area. “Suspended red oak panels from the ceiling emphasize architectural design patterns of clean, contemporary lines, with custom protruding square lighting pendants of natural mica.”



Throughout there is a monochromatic palette of beiges to oranges accented by the dark, wenge wood millwork.

The warm colors extend to the upholstered banquettes and the walls and soffits finished in traditional Italian Venetian stucco. "Color is used to keep the energy and atmosphere alive. This is accomplished by providing color changing LED throughout the space that fades and glows into the night."

Some of the color-changing acrylic panels appear in the main dining room to showcase the bar located there.



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