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Off the Menu

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Wine Bars and Lounges

EN SHOCHU BAR The front room at En Japanese Brasserie has been turned into a bar and lounge specializing in shochu, the spirit distilled from sweet potato, rice, buckwheat and other raw materials: 435 Hudson Street (Leroy Street), (212) 647-9196.

KAVA LOUNGE The lower level of Parea now serves ouzo, wine and cocktails, as well as Greek meze and other dishes: 36 East 20th Street, (212) 777-8448.

MONDAY ROOM Public has also opened a wine lounge in what had been office space near the entrance: 210 Elizabeth Street (Prince Street), (212) 343-7011.

UNWINED AT SYMPHONY SPACE A former cafeteria at Symphony Space has been turned into a warmly decorated spot by Gil Rubenstein and Adam Riemer. It is open to the public, not just to ticket holders. There are small plates of food paired with a wine list assembled by Pieter Verheyde: 2537 Broadway (95th Street), (646) 403-3215.



Ratha Chau Tony Cenicola/The New York Times

WINED UP A wine bar and lounge has been added upstairs at Punch restaurant. It opens today, with a 100-foot wall of wine bottles: 913 Broadway (20th Street), (212) 673-6333.

Opening This Week

BIG W'S ROADSIDE BAR-B-QUE After four years of selling ribs and chicken from a mobile rig parked along Route 22 near Pawling, N.Y., Warren Norstein, a chef who worked at Bouley and Chanterelle, plans to move into a storefront with seating, north of Pawling on Friday: 1475 Route 22, Wingdale, N.Y., (845) 832-6200.

KAMPUCHEA NOODLE BAR Ratha Chau, a former manager of Fleur de Sel in Manhattan, has gone back to his Cambodian roots. Today, he is opening this warmly rustic little spot, whose name is the traditional one for Cambodia. The menu reflects Thai, Chinese and Vietnamese influences, with noodle soups similar to Vietnamese pho; cold noodles like rice vermicelli with egg; Cambodian crepes; meat and seafood skewers; sandwiches; and pickles. Mr. Chau, a wine expert, has a list of European wines, and one of beers reflecting wider geography: 78 Rivington Street (Allen Street), (212) 529-3901.

MAX BRENNER CHOCOLATES BY THE BALD MAN A second shop and cafe devoted to chocolate opened on Monday: 141 Second Avenue (Ninth Street), (212) 388-0030.

Branching Out

PETROSSIAN COLLECTION Petrossian, the caviar emporium on West 58th Street, has opened a seasonal satellite in the Time Warner Center. It will be open until Jan. 4: second floor, Columbus Circle, (646) 413-3006.

ADRIANA'S CARAVAN Rochelle Zabarkes, who lost her lease in the Grand Central Market earlier this year, has opened a store near Philadelphia: Ardmore Farmers Market, 120 Coulter Avenue, Ardmore, Pa., (800) 316-0820.