

THE WINE BAR: VINTAGE TREASURES & CLASSIC COMFORT

MONT TREMBLANT, Quebec, Canada -- Hotel Quintessence's Wine Bar is a comfortable, convivial lounge with a wide selection of wines and champagne, rare single malt scotches, cognacs, liqueurs, a port "library" and a humidor with superb cigar selections.

Mont Tremblant's premier lounge for cocktails and conversation is a sophisticated setting for both international travelers and locals -- the sporting set, power brokers or the fashion crowd. Lunch, après-ski, cocktail hour or after-dinner, Quintessence's Wine Bar is *the* place to meet in Mont Tremblant. Patrons can mingle at the bar, the fireplace or the piano. Prefer to be alone? The deep suede and leather seats create discreet corners for a private business rendezvous or a romantic tête à tête.

"It's casual but elegant, country yet urbane," says Sean O'Donnell, Q's managing partner. "The Wine Bar is a congenial gathering place for both sportsmen and *bon vivants* – skiers, golfers and race-car aficionados come to celebrate and tell tales of the day's victories."

A sultry lounge singer entertains on special nights and a bistro menu of favorite comfort foods is available.

Wine connoisseurs appreciate Quintessence's sophisticated 60-foot cellar that has a capacity of 5,000 bottles. And so tantalizing! Guests of the Wine Bar can watch the sommeliers at work. The hotel's superb wine collection is visible through large tinted windows and decorative wrought iron gates. A tasting room located in a secluded alcove of the cellar. Here, wine lovers can experience fine vintages in ideal conditions.

Quintessence's Wine Bar has been awarded a coveted spot on the Gold List of the liquor commission, the Société des Alcools du Québec.

The wine cellar contains rare treasures from all over the globe. The sommelier helps guests to choose wines of the New World as well as exceptional wines from Burgundy and Bordeaux, including the sublime Chateau Haut Brion '89 (Bordeaux) with a price tag of about \$2,750 or Chateau Mouton Rothschild (Bordeaux) '66, '70 or '83 which sells for a cool \$2,000.

The Wine Bar also serves a top selection of fine spirits and whiskies. The connoisseur's cognac is a precious snifter of Rémy Martin, Louis XIII (\$190 per ounce!) and aficionados of port choose G.W. Burmester, 1977 Vintage (at a mere \$400 per bottle), the perfect accompaniment to a Cuban Davidoff / RR cigar (\$170 – that's a serious smoke!).

HOTEL QUINTESSENCE is one of the finest country lodges in North America, a luxurious 30-suite boutique hotel in Mont Tremblant. A blend of Old World graciousness and contemporary casual elegance, this superb establishment is renowned for its rugged granite, fieldstone and wood exterior and superlative rich interiors.

Quintessence has a unique location and a splendid setting in the rugged Laurentian mountain region. The hotel is the only lodging property that is both at the foot of Mont Tremblant's charming slopeside village and also lakeside, on the shore of magnificent Lake Tremblant. "Q" also is 2 km./ 1.2 mi. from Le Circuit Mont Tremblant, an international auto-racing venue and site of many prestigious auto club rallies such as Ferrari and Porsche.

Quintessence is distinctive for its infinity-edge swimming pool, its sweeping, sublime Presidential Suites, the private and historic Clagett's Cabin, the exquisite boutique spa Sans Sabots and the gorgeous chandelier of Swarovski crystals in the lobby.

Quintessence has gourmet cuisine, fine comfort food and a connoisseur's collection of wine and spirits. Its exceptionally large suites feature wood-burning fireplaces, fabulous featherbeds and opulent marble bathrooms with heated marble floors, air-jet tubs, private water closets and rain-showers. Impeccable service is a priority at "Q" and no detail is insignificant.

Most compelling at "Q" are the stunning views of lovely Lake Tremblant and the thick forests and daunting mountains beyond. This majestic Laurentian region landscape is visible from virtually all vantage points at "Q."

Mont Tremblant is a four-season resort 90 minutes north of Montreal that is a leader in downhill skiing and boarding, golf, auto-racing, cross-country skiing, hiking and mountain biking.

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