

THE MARCUS WHITMAN

*Stay, sip and dine where history and luxury intertwine
in beautiful downtown Walla Walla.*

FACT SHEET

Property Overview

The Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center is a Walla Walla landmark and storied gathering place for the local community and visitors alike. Anchoring historic downtown Walla Walla, the Marcus Whitman Hotel includes a luxury hotel, expansive modern conference center, six on-site wine tasting rooms, and a nationally recognized and award-winning restaurant and casual wine lounge, all set to a sophisticated old-world backdrop.

Built as a labor of love by the community in 1928, the Marcus Whitman Hotel – named in honor of an early missionary who helped establish the region – was the height of fashion and the heart of the community spirit for many decades. The tallest building in town, it served as the gathering place in the Walla Walla Valley. Throughout its history, the hotel has hosted prominent guests, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, among many other visiting dignitaries and celebrities of the time.



After nearly three decades of disrepair, help arrived in 1999 when businessman Kyle Mussman decided to purchase and restore the hotel. Working with the Port of Walla Walla and the City of Walla Walla to implement his vision for the property, Kyle was diligent in his efforts to return the hotel to its original splendor and service. With an official grand opening in May 2001, the Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center once again caters to the bustling tourism and business needs of the Walla Walla Valley, a world-class scenic wine region that attracts multitudes of visitors annually.

Location

Nestled in the Heart of Washington Wine Country, the Marcus Whitman hotel is located at the foot of Eastern Washington's beautiful Blue Mountains in Walla Walla Valley, a world-class scenic wine region that attracts countless visitors annually. Guests of the hotel can walk to more than 20 wine tasting rooms and can experience more than 100 wineries within 15 miles, many earning national and international acclaim from prestigious publications, including *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Wine Spectator*, *Wine Enthusiast* among others. The region is best known for its Bordeaux varietals, while the valley's white wine offerings may be some of the best kept secrets in Washington.

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FACT SHEET, KEY PROPERTY OFFERINGS

The Marcus Whitman Hotel



The 133-room hotel offers a remarkable combination of history and luxury, making it the perfect place to enjoy a romantic wine country getaway, or to relax during business travel. The property's historic tower anchors downtown Walla Walla and houses premium luxury suites, including luxury two-room, king and spa suites complete with beautiful Italian furniture and renaissance style. The hotel's west wing includes well-appointed standard rooms and junior suites at a more moderate price point. Demonstrating its commitment to excellence, the property

received *TripAdvisors'* "Certificate of Excellence 2014" Award and was named '2015 Hotel of the Year' by the Washington State Wine Commission.

The Marc Restaurant and Vineyard Lounge

The on-site dining options offer world-class dining, wine and spirits in the heart of picturesque Walla Walla. Named as the "2014 Restaurant of the Year" by the Washington State Wine Awards for its exceptional culinary offerings and strong support for Washington State Wine, the Marc Restaurant and Vineyard Lounge feature innovative wine and food pairings. In addition, the restaurant and lounge received *Wine Enthusiast Magazine's* "America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants" award, four years in a row and received *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence" for its extensive wine list. The casual, yet elegant restaurant and adjacent lounge blends traditional Northwest influenced cuisine with molecular gastronomic twists, making for a memorable experience that expands palates and engages the senses. The restaurant and adjoining lounge is a sought after experience for hotel guests, visitors, wine enthusiasts and local diners alike, for both special occasions and everyday dining.



Tasting Rooms

The hotel is home to six wine tasting rooms accessible just off the hotel's grand lobby. The featured tasting rooms include TERO Estates, Flying Trout, Waters Winery, Mansion Creek Cellars, Locati Cellars, and Lodmell Cellars.

Conference Center

The state-of-art conference center features more than 13,000 square feet of event space, including historic ballrooms and executive board rooms and meeting rooms. The venue hosts customized events of all sizes, from 10 to 450 people, and is a true "one stop shop" that provides all key event components on site including catering, linens, chairs, A/V equipment and more.

Art Gallery

Located throughout the second floor in the historic tower, the Marcus Whitman hosts a collection of 35 oil paintings by Artist Dave Manuel, depicting the life of Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. The art is accessible to the guests and public daily, and it is free to browse.



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THE HISTORY

In 1805 and 1806, Lewis and Clark blazed a trail through the Walla Walla region and were intrigued with what they experienced. Thirty years later, missionaries Marcus and Narcissa Whitman built a mission among the Cayuse Indians near Walla Walla. After 11 years of service, the Whitmans and several of those staying at the mission with them met an untimely death in November 1847.

The name Whitman became widely used in the local area with everything from Whitman Street to Whitman College. It came as no surprise in 1927, when the people of Walla Walla decided to honor Marcus Whitman by



naming their new hotel after him.

The idea for a luxury hotel to attract travelers and conventions had been a topic of discussion since the early 1920s. In 1927, W.W. Baker, president of Baker Boyer National Bank, called together the city fathers and spearheaded the efforts of moving forward with the idea. More than 200 businessmen attended that first meeting in support of the idea of a first-class hotel. An investment company from Seattle, Real Estate Improvement Company, offered to put up \$300,000 toward the building of the hotel if the community could raise \$150,000 in 90 days.

Walla Walla rose to the challenge with the city fathers selling \$100 shares of stock in the hotel. Within just weeks, the required amount had been raised and Walla Walla was on its way to having a luxury hotel.

Construction began in September 1927. Amid much enthusiasm, the Marcus Whitman Hotel officially opened on September 1, 1928. W.W. Baker was first in line to sign the guest register.

At the time the hotel opened, it was the most luxurious hotel for miles around. It was also the only hotel on record at that time that used the same system for heating and cooling the rooms.

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The history continued ...

Through the years, the hotel has hosted numerous dignitaries and celebrities, including President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, Louie Armstrong and Shirley Temple.

By the 1970's, the hotel had begun to slide into disrepair. In 1999, Kyle Mussman formed Real Estate Improvement Company and bought the historic structure. Sharing a community vision with the City and Port of Walla Walla, they restored and expanded the grand old building to provide not only classic elegance and style, but also cutting-edge technology for today's conference needs. The hotel officially reopened in the spring of 2001. In 2007, another renovation opened up the third, fourth and fifth floors of the historic tower as guest rooms from what had been private office space.

Today, the hotel strives to provide "Exceptional Guest Experiences for Every Guest," providing the opportunity to enjoy the luxury and history of a bygone era in beautiful Walla Walla.

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HOTEL OVERVIEW

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Accommodations

Historic Tower Rooms: All accommodations feature luxurious Sealy Dynasty Plush beds dressed with down pillows, comforters and premium linens for ultimate comfort. 40-inch Flat Screen HD televisions with HBO and complimentary Wi-Fi. Gilchrist & Soames amenities are proudly offered in all guestrooms.

- **Varieties:** Luxury Tower Suites, King-Queen Tower Suites, Spa Suites, Executive Tower King Room

West Wing Rooms: All accommodations feature large Flat Screen High Definition TVs with HBO and complimentary Wi-Fi. The rooms are richly appointed in the Renaissance style featuring hand-crafted furnishings. Gilchrist & Soames amenities are also offered in all guestrooms. Pet-friendly rooms are also available.

- **Varieties:** Junior Suites, King Deluxe Room, Double Queen Room, King Value Room

Exclusive Guest Services

- **Complimentary Hot & Healthy Breakfast**
- **Marcus Whitman Hotel blend Coffee** from Walla Walla Roastery
- **Complimentary Wired and Wireless Internet** throughout the property
- **Gilchrist & Soames** Luxurious Bath Products
- **Sealy Dynasty Plush Bed** dressed with down pillows, and luxurious premium linens
- **Pet Friendly** rooms in deluxe guestrooms
- **Complimentary airport shuttle**

Property Perks

The Marc Restaurant & Vineyard Lounge: The Marc Restaurant is known for innovative wine-pairings, unforgettable culinary delights and serves local, organic and sustainable cuisine. The extensive wine list focuses primarily on local vineyards and producers and is unmatched in varietals, styles, and quality.

Meeting & Conferences: With more than 13,000 square feet of event space, the historic ballrooms at the Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center are the largest and most technologically advanced in Eastern Washington.

Tasting Rooms: The hotel has six wine tasting rooms connecting to the hotel's grand lobby including: TERO Estates, Flying Trout, Waters Winery, Mansion Creek Cellars, Locati Cellars, and Lodmell Cellars.

Onsite Art Gallery: A collection of 35 oil paintings depicts the life of Marcus and Narcissa Whitman.

Green Initiatives

The Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center was named as a "Gold Green Leader of 2014" by *TripAdvisor* for the second year in a row and goes above and beyond to adhere to a number of environmentally-sound practices.





CONFERENCE CENTER FACT SHEET

Overview

The state-of-art Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, is centrally located in the heart of Walla Walla, and features more than 13,000 square-feet of event space, including historic ballrooms, executive board rooms and intimate meeting rooms.

The conference center can host customized events of all sizes, from 10 to 450 people, and is a true “one stop shop” that provides all key event components on-site. As efficiency and affordability are the cornerstones of business travel, the flexible meeting spaces are ideal for conferences, board meetings, company off-sites and more.

Ballroom & Meeting Room Options

The Conference Center in the famed historic Marcus Whitman Hotel features an elegant ambience throughout. Ballrooms are appointed with original chandeliers, wall sconces and crown moldings, providing a Renaissance-inspired, yet modern setting. All the facilities are equipped with all the amenities and technology requirements necessary to make today’s meetings and events a success. The vast ballrooms are located in the main conference center facilities, along with executive board and meeting rooms located in the historic hotel tower.

| ROOM | DIMENSIONS | CEILING HEIGHT | SQ. FT. | THEATRE (#People) | CLASS-ROOM (#People) | BANQUET (#People) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| EXPLORER BALLROOM | 52' X 103' | 18' | 5360 | 500 | 240 | 450 |
| LEWIS | 52' X 34' | 18' | 1780 | 120 | 80 | 100 |
| CLARK | 52' X 34' | 18' | 1780 | 120 | 80 | 100 |
| SACAJAWEA | 52' X 34' | 18' | 1780 | 120 | 80 | 100 |
| RENAISSANCE | 29' X 68' | 15' | 1948 | 120 | 80 | 100 |
| EMPIRE | 29' X 45' | 15' | 1293 | 80 | 60 | 70 |
| NATIVE AMERICAN | 51' X 20' | 8' 6" | 963 | 60 | 36 | -- |
| CAYUSE | 17' X 20' | 8' 6" | 368 | 20 | 12 | -- |
| NEZ PERCE | 17' X 20' | 8' 6" | 315 | 20 | 12 | -- |
| UMATILLA | 17' X 20' | 8' 6" | 280 | 20 | 12 | -- |
| WALLA WALLA BOARDROOM | 20' X 25' | 8' 6" | 450 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| PRE-FUNCTION AREA | 24' X 90' | 15' | 2160 | -- | -- | 400 |
| SUNSET TERRACE | Inside 30' x 10' | Inside 8' 6" | Inside 300 | -- | -- | -- |
| | Outside 39' X 25' | Outside N/A | Outside 975 | | | |

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Weddings

The Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center's historic, luxurious ambiance delivers a stunning venue for a memorable wedding. The sophisticated and elegant ballroom provides a beautiful and intimate setting for the ceremony and reception for up to 450 guests. The delicious cuisine, beverages and service is all provided by nationally recognized Marc Restaurant and ensures an easy-to-plan, yet exquisite event.

The Marcus Whitman Hotel's wedding professionals are readily available to lend their expertise to weddings of any size, scope or budget. The Marcus Whitman is also well equipped to support bridal luncheons, rehearsal dinners, celebratory brunches, ceremonies, cocktail hours and wedding receptions.



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World Class Catering

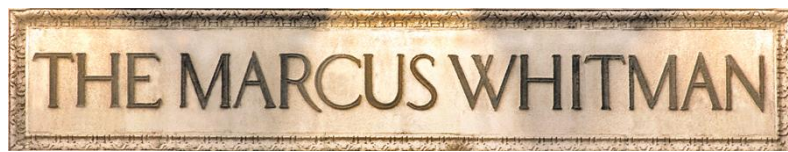
The Marcus Whitman Hotel is skilled at providing all catering needs, prepared on-site by its award-winning culinary team headed by Chef Scott McLean. The team can accommodate both large and small orders, on or off-site and everything in-between drawing from local purveyors and producers. The exciting catering menus feature a wide variety of culinary delights that extend beyond the traditional banquet fare. From coffee break selections, trays and platters, to elaborate buffets, four-course plated meals and customized Winemaker's Dinners, the delectable menus and professional staff ensure a successful event. In addition, The Marcus Whitman will provide the linens, service ware and banquet servers for any event. As an added bonus, the Conference Center adheres to the environmentally-friendly practices preferred by many businesses and organizations.

On-Site Hotel Accommodations

Providing the ultimate convenience and comfort to event attendees, there are 133 beautifully appointed guest rooms located at the Marcus Whitman Hotel. Guests have the opportunity to stay in the luxurious historic tower, including luxury two-room, king and spa suites or the hotel's west wing which entails well-appointed standard rooms and junior suites at a more moderate price point. Guests can enjoy first-class service and the many complimentary amenities including a gourmet hot and healthy breakfast buffet, complimentary wired and wireless internet, parking and access to the business and fitness center. Special packages are available throughout the year and The Marcus Whitman Hotel offers the option to negotiate room block rates.

Meeting Amenities & Audio Visual Support

The Marcus Whitman Hotel has years of experience planning events of all sizes and offers dedicated conference services and catering professionals to coordinate all needs. This includes coordinating meeting logistics, menus and group activities, as well as access to a full service business center and an on-site A/V team to ensure a smooth, stress-free event. In addition, the Conference Center is a true "one stop shop" that provides all the



necessities for any event including tables, linens and chairs, all housed in an elegant setting which saves both time and money for the organizer, and makes for a seamless attendee experience.

The hotel's event spaces offer some of the most advanced audio/visual systems in the Northwest, along with on-staff support. All of the ballrooms offer a top-of-the-line audio system.

The Explorer Ballroom features a touch panel lectern which enables the presenter to control virtually the entire room, in addition to two built-in screens (each screen measuring 20 ft. diagonally) and a high definition projector. Wi-Fi Hotspots are also available in all meeting rooms.

Walla Walla Area Excursions

Located at the foot of Eastern Washington's beautiful Blue Mountains, the Walla Walla Valley is a world-class scenic wine region that is the perfect place to enjoy a romantic wine country getaway. Today it is home to more than 100 wineries, many earning national and international acclaim. The region is famous for its reds, but its whites may be one of the best kept secrets in Washington. The Marcus Whitman Hotel is on hand to help guests create their own customized itinerary which can include fun excursions to wineries, museums, art galleries, farmer's markets and much more!

Green Initiatives

Environmentally-friendly events are important to many companies and organizations, and the Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center goes above and beyond to adhere to environmentally-sound practices. Demonstrating its commitment, the property was named a "Gold Green Leader of 2014" by *TripAdvisor* for the second year in a row. Following are a number of green practices adopted by the hotel and conference center.

- The HVAC system uses automated controls to help optimize energy use
- Bathrooms have low flow faucets, shower heads, toilets and urinals in order to reduce water consumption
- Compact fluorescent bulbs and LED lighting is installed throughout all facilities
- There is an aggressive recycling program for all paper, cardboard, metal, batteries, lamps and bulbs
- The landscaping features native and drought tolerant vegetation and drip irrigation controlled by weather condition for the flower beds
- Occupancy sensors on light switches reduce energy waste
- A Ford Escape Hybrid car is used to shuttle guests to and from the airport, reducing emissions
- Ten-year 9v lithium batteries are installed in all smoke detectors
- Soap, shampoo and conditioner dispensers are installed in all hotel rooms to eliminate the waste of small plastic bottles
- Automatic sensor lights are installed in executive offices, bathrooms and meeting spaces to turn off after 10 min when not in use
- The Marc Restaurant and Vineyard Lounge serve local, organic, sustainable cuisine and use Bio-Pak take-out containers and compostable cups
- The restaurant and hotel composts all egg shells, coffee grounds, vegetable scraps and plant materials for use as garden compost
- The facility uses only eco-friendly chemicals for washing dishes
- An Ozone laundry system with enzyme-based laundry detergents are used for cleaning linens and towels. This set-up reduces water, natural gas, detergent and energy consumption
- For guests staying multiple nights, linens and towels are changed every third day unless requested to be changed sooner, creating dramatic energy and resource savings



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EXECUTIVE BIOS

Dan Leeper *General Manager*



Dan Leeper is a 15-year veteran of the hospitality industry, and was promoted to General Manager in August 2015 after 13 years as Assistant General Manager at The Marcus Whitman Hotel and Conference Center. He oversees day-to-day operations of the property, including the hotel, both restaurants, and 13,000 square-feet of flexible meeting and event space. After a long career with the Teamster Union, Dan became involved with the growing Internet and communication business as an intern at HighSpeed.com, a regional communication company. HighSpeed Communication's headquarters were located at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, which gave Dan a chance to become involved with hotel management and the hospitality industry. This exposure eventually led to his long-time position with The Marcus Whitman.

Dan's logic, communication skills and computer knowledge helped him become the expert on property systems and operations. This knowledge, coupled with Dan's exceptional people skills, has helped him flourish in his hospitality management role. Dan has covered many of the department manager's duties during voids, including Restaurant Lounge Manager, Housekeeping Manager and Front Desk operations.

Kyle Mussman *Owner*



Kyle Mussman, Owner of the Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, has a unique background to match the distinctiveness of The Marcus Whitman Hotel itself. His extensive experience brings a renewed sense of passion and focus on service, as well as preserving the historic and modern feel of the hotel. Under his leadership, The Marcus Whitman has raised the bar for exceptional guest experiences for every guest.

Prior to The Marcus Whitman, Mussman, an Indiana native, bided on a cellular phone service franchise and was awarded an area in northeast Oregon. He later expanded the territory to include five southeast Washington counties by the time he settled in Walla Walla. He then took his one cellular phone area and expanded it into a very successful business, quadrupling the size of Blue Mountain Cellular (Cellular One, now known as Unice) before he sold it to Triton Cellular Group.

From the proceeds of that enterprise, Mussman started HighSpeed Communications (now One Eighty Networks) and made it one of the fastest growing internet service businesses in the industry. After selling that business, he purchased the historic Marcus Whitman building in 1999 (then being used as condos). He set his sights on restoring the property to its original grandeur, where classic elegance and style would combine with cutting-edge technology to meet the needs of today's modern travelers.

The hotel officially reopened in the spring of 2001. In 2007, another renovation opened up guest rooms on the third through fifth floors of the historic tower, which had previously been used as private office space.



Mussman is very involved in all aspects of the hotel and conference center. He continues to implement his vision of meeting the needs of the growing tourism and wine industry in the Walla Walla Valley. He serves on multiple Chambers, Board of Directors and the Wine Alliance, and holds key positions that enable him to make a difference in the Walla Walla Valley.

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*Progressive Modern American Dining
with a Pacific Northwest Influence*

THE MARC RESTAURANT & VINEYARD LOUNGE

Culinary Overview

The 72-seat The Marc Restaurant and adjacent 60-seat Vineyard Lounge offers world class dining, wine and spirits in the heart of picturesque Walla Walla. Named as the "2014 Restaurant of the Year" by the Washington State Wine Awards for its exceptional culinary offerings and strong support for Washington State wine, The Marc Restaurant combines a warm atmosphere for a casual yet elegant dining experience.

Adding to its accolades, The Marc Restaurant and Vineyard Lounge was named one of "America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants" in 2015 by *Wine Enthusiast* Magazine for the fourth year in a row for its innovative wine-pairings and unforgettable culinary delights. In addition, The Marc Restaurant and Vineyard Lounge received *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence" in 2014 for its extensive wine list.



The Marc Restaurant, under the leadership of Chef Scott McLean, creates progressive modern American dining with a Pacific Northwest influence. Chef McLean and his team work diligently to bring the best of what is fresh and in season to the table by partnering with local growers, as well as growing its own micro-greens and providing house-grown bounties from the hotel's rooftop garden.



Menu Highlights

The Marc menu draws inspiration from the freshest ingredients available from nearby oceans, rivers, streams, fields, farms and pastures. Menu highlights include signature items such as Double R Ranch Signature Filet of Beef, Columbia River Fresh Salmon, and Upper Dry Creek Ranch Rack of Lamb, served with gourmet sides such as Monteillet Goat Cheese Ravioli, Butternut Squash Gnocchi, and Wild Flower Honey Glazed Roasted Carrots.

To ensure all ingredients are at the peak of freshness, The Marc harvests its own micro-greens from the hotel's rooftop garden and uses in season produce from local growers. The Marc works with many local proprietors such as Monteillet Fromagerie, Locati Farms and Double R Ranch to create beautiful dishes, including, Maple Bourbon Pork Belly, popcorn grits, cherry balsamic demi, balsamic pearls, bacon brussels sprouts, and Double R Ranch Signature Filet of Beef, chanterelle and crimini, garlic smashed Yukons, rainbow carrots and cracked pepper demi.

The Wine List

Working with sommelier Dan McCaffrey, the restaurant and lounge has one of the most extensive wine lists in the country, offering a diverse range and winning combinations of value and adventure. This wine list, available in both The Marc Restaurant and The Vineyard Lounge, includes more than 235 wine labels, focusing primarily on vineyards and producers locally and throughout the state. From the coastal climates of the West, to the desert climates of the East, Washington State is unmatched in varietals, styles, and quality.

The dining establishments include many rare finds, such as Long Shadows, Chester Kidder, Cayuse Winery and Armada Syrah with the most expensive bottle being the Leonetti Cellars Reserve. The restaurant itself carries its own private label red and white signature wine, bottled exclusively by the prestigious L'Ecole No 41 Winery in Walla Walla.



Chef's Table Experience

For a truly unforgettable experience, The Marc Restaurant provides a "Chef's Table" dining experience where up to 12 guests are seated directly in the kitchen for a memorable meal. While seated at the intimate Chef's Table, diners have a front row view of the bustling kitchen as their multicourse meal and wine pairings unfold right before their eyes.



The Chef's Table provides a unique way to enjoy fabulous food and fine wine while savoring the sights, sounds and smells of a world class culinary team at work. The Marc works with all Chef's Table guests to devise a custom menu based on individual tastes and budgets, and what is in season fresh that day.

Lounge Details

Known as a gathering place for travelers and wine makers, the Vineyard Lounge highlights Walla Walla Valley's fantastic wine atmosphere. The lounge is a great place to unwind, relax and recharge and enjoy more than 14 wines by the glass from local vintners, or specialty cocktails artfully prepared with freshly squeezed juices and local spirits.

With one of the most extensive wine lists in town, a variety of hand-crafted cocktails, traditional mixed drinks, and a Tapas style menu, The Vineyard Lounge is the perfect place to spend an evening with friends.

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Open daily from 5:30pm

The Vineyard Lounge
Open daily from 4:00pm

THE MARC RESTAURANT & VINEYARD LOUNGE BIOS

Chef Scott McLean

Executive Chef



Executive Chef Scott McLean brings more than 35 years of industry experience to the talented culinary team at The Marc Restaurant and adjacent Vineyard Lounge. Chef McLean oversees all culinary aspects of the property's various food and beverage offerings which include menu planning for The Marc and Vineyard Lounge, overseeing and mentoring the staff, wedding and conference catering and other specialty events, both in and outside the hotel.

Receiving a formal culinary education from the prestigious Culinary Institute of America and specializing in Pacific Northwest, international and regional American cuisine, Chef McLean brings fresh culinary ideas to the table featuring the freshest, local ingredients. McLean attributes his passion for the culinary arts to his Pacific Northwest upbringing. As a Washington native, McLean grew up enjoying meals prepared with fresh ingredients harvested from his parents' garden along with fresh

Puget Sound seafood caught by his grandfather's charter boats.

After studying at the Culinary Institute of America in New York, McLean attended the Greystone Culinary Institute of American for advanced level seafood training. Following his time at Greystone, McLean earned a position as executive Chef at the Cliff House Restaurant in Tacoma, Washington, and later at C.I. Shenanigans where he went on to become regional chef and culinary development chef leader for parent company Ram International.

Chef McLean also gained notable culinary experience acting as the Chef de Cuisine at the Dockside Restaurant at the Coeur D'Alene Resort in Idaho. Throughout his culinary career, McLean has proven himself to be a leader who places a high importance of the use of quality ingredients, the development and support of his culinary team, and the delivery of remarkable guests experiences that continually exceed expectations.

Dan McCaffrey***Restaurant Manager and Sommelier***

Dan McCaffrey is in the business of helping people create memories, not just serving meals. He puts that philosophy into play as the Restaurant and Lounge Manager at The Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center.

With more than 20 years of accomplished experience, McCaffrey has brought a wealth of training and ideas to the position.

McCaffrey worked at the renowned The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo., for eight years and was established in the respected Charles Court Restaurant where he served as the bar and cellar manager as well as sommelier. He had extensive training in wine programs during that time as well as handling large party bookings, staff training and facilitated a class on fine dining etiquette.

Prior to his work at The Broadmoor, McCaffrey worked at the Diamond Steak House in Denver and the Durango Mountain Resort in Durango, Colo. While there, he honed his skills in upscale dining and tableside service while developing new dining programs. In addition, he has worked across the country, including two years as the assistant manager at the Westin Alyeska Resort in Girdwood, Alaska.

McCaffrey became hooked on the food and beverage service industry as a 14-year-old dishwasher. He quickly learned he preferred to be out talking to people, enjoying the fast-paced atmosphere that comes from a food and beverage environment.

For three years, he has been part of the growing Walla Walla, Washington wine industry. At The Broadmoor he had the opportunity to taste thousands of wines and honed his expertise with domestic wine. With the backdrop of beautiful Walla Walla, he has set a laser focus on Washington wines.

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