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Anna Schmidt Interior Design to Work on Free the Cork Wine Bar at Water Street Tampa



Tampa, Fla. — Anna Schmidt Interior Design has been selected for work on Free the Cork Wine Bar, a wine tasting and small plates restaurant coming to Sparkman Wharf, Tampa’s transformational Water Street Tampa neighborhood.

Free the Cork Wine Bar, scheduled to open spring 2020, is the new hotspot for Sparkman Wharf’s office tenants, visitors and the Tampa community as a whole. The restaurant is located on the ground floor of Sparkman Wharf. Overlooking views of a scenic park and dining garden, it will serve as a place for friends and family to gather around and share small plates or a glass of wine.

Anna Schmidt will blend this concept of fellowship with city influences, bringing the project to life with a high-end industrial, yet chic, design.

Project highlights include:

- The wine bar is over 4,000 square feet and will seat approximately 142 people throughout the bar, dining and patio areas.
- Striking concrete elements and industrial millwork will be seen throughout the space, creating a sleek city vibe.
- Sparkling glass chandeliers hanging across the restaurant will add elegance to the refined yet edgy interiors.

The large, central bar will serve as the hub of this project. Featuring suspended ceilings, rustic details and surrounded by plush barstools, this space will invite guests to sit back and relax, sharing good eats and worldly wines.

In addition to the stunning bar and lounge area, there will also be a private room perfect for holding events, wine tastings and special wine-pairing dinners. A “grab and go” window will be installed to offer options like wines by the glass, European sandwiches, cheese and charcuterie and coffee to the busy Tampa residents or people wishing to stroll along the Riverwalk. For those who like to see the sunset and feel the breeze off the water, patio dining is available. All of these features will keep in line with the clean, stylish finishes throughout the wine bar, tying in elements used elsewhere in the project.

“It’s an honor to be chosen to design Free the Cork Wine Bar,” says Schmidt. “Sparkman Wharf is a beautiful destination in downtown Tampa, just steps from the waterfront. I’m looking forward to creating a chic industrial design in this area and can’t wait for everyone to see the finished project. I’m also pleased to be working with BCA Architecture of Orlando and Interstruct Commercial Construction of Tampa, two amazing professional teams in the industry.”

Free the Cork Wine Bar is just one of the many incredible projects Strategic Property Partners has brought to downtown Tampa. The company aims to elevate the city’s national prominence, all while incorporating principles such as sustainability, connectivity, walkability, design quality and wellness.

Anna Schmidt Interior Design (formerly Schmidt Design Studio, Inc.) is based in Jupiter, Fla. Established in 2003, the firm has worked extensively with nationwide brands, franchises and upscale independent restaurants throughout the country, as well as many corporate and commercial spaces. For more information, visit www.annaschmidtinteriors.com.

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