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### RESTAURANT NEWS AND NOTES



Mussels

FRANCESCA'S RESTAURANT GROUP

#### THE WEST LOOP IS HOPPING

Francesca's Restaurant Group has opened a European-style wine bar in Fulton Market. **Joe's Imports** offers more than 250 bottles and between 10 and 20 wines by the glass, as well as shared plates meant for pairing. Inspired by the global travels of Francesca's operating partner and wine director Joe Fiely, Joe's Imports

sources bottles from some of the world's oldest and most familiar wine houses, as well as newcomers. Featured wines will rotate throughout the year. "Through my decades of travel and living abroad, I have established many personal relationships with vintners from Italy around the world," Fiely says in a release. "I've worked closely with the Francesca's team to curate a sundry list of my favorite wines—many of which can only be experienced and purchased in the U.S. at Joe's Imports." Every bottle is also available to purchase and consume off the premises.

Beer and cocktails are also available. Francesca's Restaurant Group corporate chef Peter DeRuvo has created a menu of seasonal dishes to pair with



Politan Row Chicago

the wines. This winter, look for Parmesan puffs, blue crab with chiles, mussels with herbs and raviolo with duck egg.

A new market called **Politan Row Chicago** is opening in May in the West Loop. It will feature a craft cocktail bar, outdoor beer garden and dishes from 12 Chicago chefs, including Sandra Holl of Floriole Cafe & Bakery,

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