



Stephen Barstis

General Manager
Philadelphia

Stephen Barstis launched his hospitality career after earning his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Working as a Beverage Manager at the Riverboat Landing Restaurant in Wilmington, Barstis and the General Manager created an award-winning wine list. With his management skills, the restaurant's bar transformed from a service bar into a destination and increased profits.

Looking for a new challenge, Barstis left North Carolina to take on his own restaurant endeavor. He developed a concept and secured the financing to make his dream a reality, opening the Wedge Bar and Grill in Ocean City, Maryland. As owner and General Manager of this waterfront restaurant in a resort area, Barstis had a hand in every detail of the business, from menu development to cost

control and entertainment to community relations. He even went fishing in the local harbor to catch the freshest seafood possible.

After successfully building his restaurant business and transitioning it to new owners, Barstis joined the Smith & Wollensky team as Manager and Wine Director in Las Vegas in 2006. His excellent management of the up to 700 wines garnered the restaurant the Best of Award of Excellence from *Wine Spectator* for 2011 and 2012.

In 2012, Barstis accepted the position as General Manager at the Smith & Wollensky Philadelphia location. Bringing with him his previous management experience and wine expertise, Barstis and his staff complement one another to ensure every guest enjoys a memorable fine dining moment.

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