

SCORE Clients Named Best of the City, CincinnatiMagazine.com, December 2016

→ NEW NAIL SALON

Spruce Nail Shop

Your blood pressure will go down just walking in: West Elm pedicure chairs, Brush Factory manicure tables, the light scent of lotions and oils mixed on site and no chemicals, plus plants plants plants. “The Goods” manicure’s hot stone massage—no token swipe of lotion here—will release tension you never knew your hands could hold. And, a happy surprise to our skepticism, the all-natural products did not make for short-lived polish. It may mean a slightly longer drying time, but we were too busy people-watching out the Vine Street-facing window to notice. *Over-the-Rhine, sprucenailshop.com*

PLACE TO BLOW YOUR KITCHEN BUDGET

Artichoke OTR

When Brad and Karen Hughes retired, they didn’t bust out the golf clubs, they rehabbed a Findlay Market-adjacent building. The first floor is home to Artichoke OTR, stocked with a veritable ne plus ultra of all culinary accoutrement. We can’t get enough of the Garnier-Thiebaut tea towels (they actually look better with age!) and are secretly hoping Santa will sneak a Fagor pressure cooker under the tree. *Over-the-Rhine, artichokeotr.com*

→ WAY TO HOST GUESTS

Route Fifty Campers

These refurbished vintage trailers are built for speed, but that doesn’t mean you can’t park one in your driveway when cousin Eddie comes calling. And don’t feel like you’re putting him out, either: Both the 1958 Fan Travel Trailer and the 1969 Aristocrat Lo-Liner (a.k.a. Lola) come equipped with electric heat and air conditioning, plus a stovetop and sink. The Fan sleeps four and has an 8-by-10-foot canopy with café lights, while Lola has a fridge and one more sleeping space. *routefiftycampers.com*

→ NEW WINEMAKER

Skeleton Root

When former engineer Kate MacDonald threw open the doors of industrial-chic Skeleton Root (she did the build-out as well—hello, skills!) in late September, she hit the ground running. The OTR winery utilizes locally grown grapes such as zinthiana and chambourcin in its crisp rosé, and a cabernet and norton cross as the basis of its Northern Liberties Red, just two of the six wines currently in production. Stop in and sample a glass, but good luck leaving without a bottle or two. *Over-the-Rhine, skeletonroot.com*

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