

THE SIPPING NEWS

**First look:
Bar 888 at Luce**

In an aquamarine glass-clad tower at the corner of Howard and Fifth streets, San Francisco's new InterContinental Hotel opened Thursday, and with it **Bar 888** and Luce restaurant. Because of a partnership with Michael Mondavi, the California-Italian restaurant is named after a Supertuscan wine made by Tuscany's Frescobaldi family and Napa's Mondavi family.

Bar 888's claim to fame is a collection of vintage grappas, which will be displayed in racks above the horseshoe-shaped bar. The same Italian liquor serves as the base of many of the house cocktails created by Francesco Lafranconi, such as the Italian Deja Vu, with house-made grappa-based limoncello, almond-flavored grappa, orgeat syrup, orange-flower water and Prosecco.

InterContinental Hotel, 888 Howard St. (at Fifth Street), San Francisco; (415) 616-6566. Bar 888 is open from 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday through Thursday; until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Luce is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

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