

# FACES OF THE FRONT

**Scarlet Oak**, one of the newest restaurants in the Capitol Riverfront from the owners of Southern Hospitality restaurant in Adams Morgan, opened in August of this year and has been enjoyed by residents, employees, and visitors alike.

The menu at Scarlet Oak includes rotating craft beers, specialty cocktails, an extensive wine list, and most importantly creative dishes from **Chef Leo Garcia**. Formerly a chef at DC favorites Red Hen and Proof, Chef Garcia is now crafting cuisine at a Capitol Riverfront favorite! Chef Garcia recently gave us his perspective on his new neighborhood and a sneak peek at Scarlet Oak's fall menu.



**How would you describe the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood to friends/visitors?**

I've been living in DC for 17 years now and I never thought I would be leading a kitchen in the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood! It's really exciting to see what is here in the neighborhood already, and I can't wait to see what else is in store.

**What is your favorite place in the neighborhood?**

I really love walking down to the Yards Park. During the build-out of Scarlet Oak, I would take my daughters down there to play by the fountain.

**Scarlet Oak is now fully open—serving lunch and dinner daily and brunch on weekends. Tell us about your favorite dish to make at the restaurant.**

The Brisket ravioli is my favorite dish to make. My culinary experience has had much Italian influence and I enjoy the reward of making fresh pasta.

**It's starting to feel like fall in the District! What's your favorite fall/winter dish to make at Scarlet Oak?**

We have some really exciting items coming to our fall menu. We'll have a bruschetta with chicken liver mousse, as well as a great rainbow beet salad.

**Describe the Capitol Riverfront neighborhood in one word.**

(Rapidly) Evolving

**Can you tell us about the Happy Hour specials at Scarlet Oak?**

Right now we have happy hour drink specials Monday through Friday from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm, including \$4 drafts, \$5 select wines, and \$6 rail drinks; as well as \$4 drafts for all NFL games. Food specials are coming soon!