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Drew Nieporent to Open Bâtard in Corton’s Former Space

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The restaurateur Drew Nieporent, pictured here in the dining room of Tribeca Grill. Karsten Moran for The New York Times

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The restaurateur Drew Nieporent has settled on the new venture he plans to install in the TriiBeCa space that once housed [Montrachet](#): Bâtard, a name that references the Montrachet wines of Burgundy.

For the last five years the space, at 239 West Broadway, was [Corton](#) (another Burgundy appellation), which closed last fall when the chef, [Paul Liebrandt](#), left for [the Elm](#) in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. “I have a long history with this space, going back 29 years,” Mr. Nieporent said. “And there is a lot of good will here, so I wasn’t ready to give it up.”

His new partners are John Winterman, who was a maître d’hôtel at Daniel, and Markus Glocker, an Austrian-born chef who worked in several Michelin-starred places, including Restaurant Steirereck in Vienna, Restaurant Eckart Witzigmann in Munich and Charlie Trotter’s in Chicago, and for Gordon Ramsay in London and New York. The space is being renovated under the direction of Glen Coben.

“It will be more user-friendly than Corton,” Mr. Nieporent said. The food will be sophisticated but not fussy, he said, and will complement the restaurant’s deep wine cellar. A late spring opening is planned.



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