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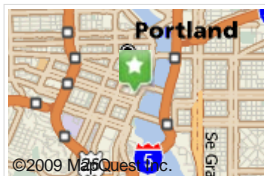
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## H5O Bistro & Wine Bar



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by [MtoA](#)

December 19, 2008

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I was considering 5 different venues around town for an ambient and comfortable setting for our wedding reception. After plenty of running around, working up spreadsheets, and much deliberation I was nearing a conclusion when a small ad for the newly remodeled Hotel 50 popped up online.

I whisked my fiance and daughter out the door and we visited the place. Michael Hayhurst, the gracious dining and bar manager, immediately welcomed us and shared with us a host of creative ideas for our prospective wedding reception at H5O. Michael met with us several times more, introducing us to chef, Nick Yanes (who was likewise very helpful - and is so talented), and sharing with us, excellent food and beverage samples, and more good ideas each time. Once we took my 84-year-old mom along. She liked Michael and H5O better than any host and venue we had previously showed her and she immediately told us so. We signed on with Michael for an 11/29/08 wedding reception.

H5O has continuous windows along its north and east walls, providing an excellent view of the city and waterfront. This was a real treat for those visiting from out of town - giving them a beautiful introduction to Portland. The restaurant has a modern design but has not gone so far as to be bleak (like so many efforts at modern interiors). It incorporates great colors, comfortable furnishings, and a wonderful gas fireplace that makes the place very cozy. The carp paintings are amazing! (Hotel rooms are likewise sleek and modern yet very cozy with lovely linens/luscious thick comforters).

The reception went beautifully. Michael and his entire staff were extremely attentive. The event could not have been handled my skillfully, more graciously, or more deliciously. As for the food, my sister who is a finicky foodie from DC, said that she had never had better.

I am not one to really gush about things when they are not the greatest. Our experience at H5O was the greatest!

**Pros:** Everything  
**Cons:** None

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## Best 5 Course Chef's Tasting Menu

by [SteveAndApril87](#)

November 08, 2008



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Our first time to Portland, and we stayed at the Hotel Fifty. The H-5-0 Bistro and Bar is located in the Hotel Fifty, but it was way beyond the average "hotel restaurant." The dining room has large plate glass windows with view of the park and the Willamette river. The staff was friendly and professional. We decided on the 5 course Chef's Tasting Menu. An unexpected item was a starter "amuse bouche". First course was an wonderful African Peanut soup, followed by chilled haricot vert (french green bean) with creamy hot mustard sauce and soy foam for a bit of saltiness. Next a grilled monk fish with sweat potato and apple dice on a bed of greens. Smoky and sweet. But wait, there was more coming! Next came crispy Asian short ribs, done to perfection, with a sweet potato puree and radicchio. Just when we thought, "could it get any better", out came a saddle of venison, again, done to perfection.

During the whole meal the staff was attentive and friendly, and expertly described each dish as it was set before us. New heaavy silverware for each course. At the end Chef Nick Yanes came out to inquire how we enjoyed the meal. Long before this we had already forgotten that we were "in a hotel".

The price? \$45.

You got to try it!

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